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WEST has passed 29th birthday and is now on way to 30 years. We still wish and like more co-operation of our readers and advertisers for to help make it better and larger. Most of the time WEST has average of hundred pages or more, and most issues have been illustrated with four to six or more pages. We like to see and get cuts of any readers and their collections, How and what made you start and what is the best way to help interest or start other collectors? We like idea of Guttag Bros, who were first to suggest Coin Collectors Week for next month and think would pay for stamp dealers to work up Stamp Collectors Week. Believe 100 per cent of all collectors start for the pleasure derived out of so doing and we may add 90 per cent end up by looking at it from financial side. Why Texas society paper states would it not be beneficial to consider the end when you start?

Past year, English catalogue reports, from Nov. 2 to Nov. 2—1575 new stamps were issued. Scotts reports two issues in ten months issue 779. You pay your money and take your choice.

This is issue when many subscriptions expire for costs so much by printers and P. O. Dep't that is why paper stops when time is out, and pays to keep your subscriptions ahead. Do it now or you may miss an issue that is well worth while for many bargains ads in each number.

Ad pays. Elwell, Conn. dealer reports his last ad sold over 2,000 specimens this month. Some business. Can see he has close to page or more of ads. Finds it pays him; why not you?

Sherman, N. Y. dealer, says he is more than pleased with answers he got from his little ad and expects to have more ads when he gets back from trip south.

SANTA CLAUS; HIS STAMP.

A real stamp with an apparent portrait of Santa Claus and an apparently real "Santa Clausland" postmark was the ingenious idea of at least one happy parent this Christmas that we now lament. It is put on record by a Doncaster reader who is content to sign himself "Danum." A precocious five-year-old boy some weeks ago declared his disbelief in "Santa Claus," the grounds being "Santa's" embonpoint and the chimney's lack of girth. He is now grappling with a new problem as, seemingly, his presents were delivered by the postman, and each packet had a real, genuine Santa Clausland stamp on, properly cancelled. "Danum" commends this dodge to any who next year are up against the youthful mind. Possibly Gibbons' 2023 may be listing these scarce provisionals at upwards of £00,000 each. Who knows? The stamp is a 500 rb. Azerbaidjan (large square format), with the portrait of an old patriarch who makes a very serviceable deputy for Santa Claus.—From Stamp Collecting.

BROADER VIEWS-KNOWLEDGE BY STAMPS.

It is certainly a sign of the times that the collectors' point of view is broadening, and he is becoming more tolerant and, shall we say, more interesting to his fellow-humans. The doctrine of the stamp and nothing but the stamp is passing and philately is having a wider field for its energies. The display of old coins at the meeting of Philatelic Society is a good example of this. Neither of these subjects come under the heading of philately, yet both must make a strong appeal to all collectors.

In the course of a lecture delivered by Dr. S. Smith to the members of the Bristol Naturalists' Society, he remarked that the invention of the postage stamp had spread knowledge throughout the world. We quite agree with the distinguished lecturer and add that this fact has been taken full advantage of by the new States of Europe and other peoples to a somewhat lesser extent.—Philatelic Magazine.

ARE YOU A PHILATELIST?

I will give a few small awards for the best responses to the following query, competitors to state whether they prefer their award (if any) in stamps, philatelic accessories, or philatelic literature. The question is simple, and probably every reader has the means of answering it in his or her collection—"Name a stamp that can be in superb condition with either its margins or perforations cutting into the design." Stamps like the 1847-54 British embossed, where the design of one stamp overlaps another, may be superb in pairs, but are damaged as individuals, and of course, Afghanistan and Cashmere defense.—Stamp Collecting.

Most of the later Swiss stamps bear the inscript "Helvetia." It is no translation for Switzerland, but it is the name for the female figure, shown on so many Swiss stamps, the figure which symbolizes and represents Switzerland. The name "Helvetia" probably was chosen because in Roman times the Helvetii were one of the races inhabiting Switzerland.

Russia was the first country to plan a series of special aero stamps, so far back as the early part of 1914. The values in the projected series were to be 1, 3, 4, 7, and 10 kopecs, and each was to be sold for 3 kopecs in excess of its face value.

NEW YORK COLLECTORS CLUB HOME.

More than \$10,000 was raised at the annual dinner of the Collectors club last week, with the dual object of increasing its activities and preparing for a suitable permanent home in the near future. All of the leading postage stamp collectors in this country, or philatelists, as they prefer to be called, are members of the club. Dr. J. Brace Chittenden, the secretary, said that the 414th member was admitted a few days ago, representing an increase of more than 200 members within two years.

The Collectors club occupies the parlor floor of an altered private residence at 120 West Forty-ninth street. The rapid increase in membership and the gift last year by Theodore E. Steinway of one of the largest philatelic libraries in the world have intensified the need for larger quarters.

Among the members taking an interest in the efforts to obtain a suitable home are former Senator Joseph S. Frelinghuysen, Representative Ernest R. Ackerman of New Jersey, Charles Latrop Pack, president of the American Forestry association; Arthur Hind, the Utica textile manufacturer, who has recently accumulated the most valuable postage stamp collection in America; Major J. Philip Benkard, Edward S. Knapp, who has one of the best collections of Confederate states stamps in the United States; Julius C. Morgenthau, John N. Luff, one of the stamp experts of the world; John T. Coit, George Walcott and Arthur H. Lamborn.—N. Y. Times

THE BOYS' OWN GUIDE TO STAMP COLLECTING.

An inside estimate of the number of stamp albums given as Christmas presents each year is 50,000, but a large proportion of these only holds the young folks' interest for a brief spell. The parent, uncle or aunt giving a stamp album to a boy or girl this Christmas can fire the young collector's enthusiasm by giving along with it this capital guide, which tells the beginner how to make his collection on the proper lines. The author, Mr. Fred J. Melville, is president of the Junior Philatelic society, the largest society of collectors in the world, and he has here set out to smooth away all the little difficulties that beset the beginner. He does this in a dezen cheery chats which hold the reader's attention to the end and which will scarcely fail to inspire the young collector to persevere with his collection. His final message is in the words of Josh Billings: "Consider the postage stamp, my son; its usefulness consists in its ability to stick to one thing until it zets there."

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At Wolsieffer's 252nd auction sale held December 12 in the club room of the Philadelphia Stamp Club, a fine horizontal pair of the popular 10c of 1847 stamp sold for \$260.00, a record price. It was on original cover with a red Express Mail cancellation.

THE PHILATELIC WEST

TWIN CITY STAMP COLLECTORS CHOOSE BANKER PRESIDENT.

George Brack, vice president, Capital National bank, was elected president of the Twin City Philatelic society at last meeting of the society.

The meeting, which was attended by 50 stamp collectors of the Twin Cities, was held at the St. Paul Athletic club.

Stamps aggregating in value more than \$50,000 were shown.

Plans to urge all collectors of stamps in the Twin Cities to join the society were discussed.

Other officers of the society elected were: L. R. Sours, Minneapolis, vice president; E. M. Oleson, Minneapolis, secretary-treasurer. The following directors were chosen: O. B., Olson, St. Paul; E. S. Stebbins, Minneapolis; J. B. Beals, St. Paul.

Fifty thousand new collectors will get their instruction to stamp collecting from Christmas season, and think it would pay our American societies to issue books like Boy's Own Guide to Stamp Collecting, not large, about fifty pages, reading and cuts; would like to see similar one issued to help beginners in this country. Pays and do more good for gets more new ones started than so many scientific books that not a dozen in a hundred care for. While over 90 per cent can use books like above, and am sure would be means to help double size of our societies and clubs, sure is needed and every youngster and beginner will enhance the value and appreciate a gift; and pay every U. S. stamp society club to get the books to give with each membership for no doubt would be the means to help make and enlarge the society by more than cost. Even reprint made in this country of the above book I am sure may do lots of good. What would be more pleasing for a present than such a book? When Lincoln, oldest stamp dealer of world, was alive he had ads in WEST. We sent and gave away a large lot of his Stamp Guides and his catalogue was in much demand for U. S. stamps shown for Bright's catalogue of London is one catalogue that seems price suits and handy size to use.

A lecture on "Stamp Collecting Without Tears" was given to the boys of Preparatory School, England, in the course of which many points of importance for young collectors were brought out and illustrated. Emphasis was laid on the fact that the interest of a collection does not depend necessarily on the number or value of the stamps, but that information and pleasure is to be got from the study of the commonest and cheapest examples. The lecturer's remarks were followed, and the excellent slides watched, with the closest attention and have led to much re-examination of specimens in the search for hitherto unnoticed beauties.—Fortnightly, West has failed to hear of any lectures being given in the United States.

Youths Companion says: Collectors have been puzzled by the curious separating perforations that have appeared recently on the stamps of Afghanistan. The explanation is that a sewing machine is used instead of the customary perforating machine. So few stamps are required in Afghanistan that the authorities are printing the current stamps with extra wide margins, and the sheets are then run under a sewing machine needle. It is simple and effective and provides new varieties for the collector.

COLLECTING HOBBY WORTH WHILE.

What becomes of all the stamp collections that little boys, and sometimes little girls, start so gallantly with the ambition of capturing all the stamps that were ever issued by every country in the world? Most of them, of course, find their way into innumerable attics, long before the young collectors have discovered that a collection worth a fabulous fortune cannot be acquired without putting a fortune into it. But some of them continue to grow, and develop from small boys' fancies into men's hobbies.

One such realization of a boy's dream belongs to former Senator Freling-huysen and is valued at \$100,000. Like King George, the Senator has specialized in British colonials. These and many other famous collections were shown in the International Stamp Exposition in Lindon. An American collection made at the direction of Postmaster-General New by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, and which includes the new airplane stamps, is considered just about priceless by philatelists. More than 30 American devotees sailed for England with their exhibits.

To those who are not gathering them, old stamps are just about as useful and important as old coins, beloved of another set of collectors. But the process of acquiring the stamps involved the acquiring also of considerable geographical and historical information, which is even more valuable. It would be hard to find a better form of entertainment for the boy.—Columbus (Ohio) State Journal.

A BADEN RARITY.

The other day one of the best known German rarities-the 1 kr. black, Baden, 1853, tete-beche, was sold for the apparently staggering sum of 5,566,520,000,000,000 marks. Hitherto this variety had been regarded as one of the world's "uniquities," one specimen reposing in the Schwarz collection. Although this known copy is not in very good condition, it cost 4,400 gold marks at the time of its purchase by the present owner. The newly discovered copy, however, is in excellent condition. The tete-beche pair is still on piece of the original letter, together with a 3 kr. stamp green, with three cancellations, No. 43, Freiburg (Baden). This great rarity was originally purchased by Herr E. Dictenberger, a Freiburg dealer, together with other Baden stamps, and without observing that among the lot there was so good a piece. Only several weeks afterwards, on examining his purchase more carefully, did he find the rarity, which he put in his safe, where it has been lying many years unknown. As to its authenticity it is claimed that there can be no doubt. At the present time the pair is in Zurich (Switzerland), and it is to be hoped that it will remain in Europe and not find its way over the ocean, as has happened with so many of the best known philatelic rarities. -From Stamp Collecting.

We have just received from Mr. George H. Jaeger of Latvia a set of three stamps with a new surcharge, which consists of an emblem something like a Greek cross with the letters "L. K. I. S." "Kara Invalidiem, s. 10 s." The values surcharged are 1s yellow, 2s violet, and 4s green, all surcharged in blue. All are without doubt charity issues.

If you heart is missing a beat occasionally, use some of the bargain advertisements in the West. They are a great touic. The more you take the bigger your heart will get.—Sparks.

TORONTO STAMP COLLECTORS' CLUB.

The first "Annual" meeting of the four months old Toronto Stamp Collectors' Club was held at the Empress Hotel, 337 Yonge Street, Toronto, with a gathering of 21, which was slightly below the average attendance.

The following officers were elected for the ensulng year: President, Gordon H. Crouch; vice president, Milton Ritter; secretary-treasurer, F. R. Saunders, 116 Concord Avenue (re-elected); executive committee, B. A. Turner and William Butler. An auctioneer, exchange superintendent and a publicity manager will be selected at a later date, the appointees automatically becoming members of the committee. Eight new members were admitted and a number of applications were received.

A summary of the first four months' work revealed the club to be in a very flourishing condition, numerically and otherwise, and it is expected that at the conclusion of the present season some 60 members will have been enrolled. Auctions, displays and talks on stamps are given, and undoubtedly these are a vital factor in the success of the organization.

Philatelic Magazine, London says: The demand for philatelic literature is steadily increasing, and this especially applies to the older works and publications which are really hard to obtain. Complete sets of the older periodicals devoted to collecting are seldom met with nowadays, many prominent philatelic society libraries are without them, and even odd volumes are anything but plentiful. This scarcity is readily explained. These pioneer publications depended mainly upon their subscribers, and the number of each part printed was limited, add to this the increased interest displayed by all classes of collectors during the past few years in stamp literature and the present-day position is not far to seek.

The titles of some of these older publications recall pleasant memories for the older school of collectors, and many no doubt regret that they did not preserve a set for reference. Not only for reference, but pleasure too, for there is no more agreeable relaxation than browsing over the pages of some good stamp periodicals of other days.

West offers some old issues close to 20 years or more old.

As already mentioned the Universal Postal Union celebrates its fiftieth birthday in convention at Stockholm in 1924, two series of stamps will be issued by Sweden, one Swedish in character and the other international. The competition for the designs recently closed. More than three hundred sketches were submitted. The design chosen for the international series shows a carrier pigeon with a letter in its beak. The first award in the contest for the Swedish issue was for a sketch that pictures an ancient part of the city of Stockholm, showing its narrow lakes, the four towers of the Riddarholms-Kyrka, the City Hall, the German Church and the Storkyrka, or "Great Church."—Youth's Companion.

From Mekeel's Weekly: Mr. R. McCumber, Chicago, we have had word that he exhibited in his store window a sheet containing an unused set of Columbians on the occasion of the thirtieth anniversary of the World's Fair at Chicago, with the result that "crowds were around the window much of the time." We think that a well-selected stamp display is a fine advertising attraction for a shop window, almost anywhere. Like to hear of others who display their collections.

POPULAR CANADIAN BI-LINGUAL CANCELLATIONS.-By William Butler.

Bilingual cancellations are not by no means common, so that those originating from the French-Canadian communities of Canada are of more than ordinary interest to the collector. The two following cancellations are in use from Montreal and Quebec respectively, the French on the left of the box and the English on the right: "Ne Mettez Pas D' Argent Dans Les Lettres Non Recommandees" (Do/not place money in unregistered mail), and "Faites Vos Depots De Bonne Heure Et Profitex Des Expeditions Du Midi" (Mail early and take advantage of midday mails).

Andy Gump says: Min and I have started Little Chester collecting stamps. You ought to see how enthusiastic and interested he is. He has a stamp from Greenland near the north pole and asked Min to get him a stamp and coin from Patigonia near the south pole. It is a mystery what path the human mind will tread.—Sparks.

Mekeel's says: We enter a news aspirant in the camouflage contest. A young man at a dealer's place said that he was buying stamps for his girl's little brother but from the way in which he scrutinized the stamps we think that he knew more about them than the aforesaid little brother.

The late Prof. Julius Neufeld's (A. P. S. No. 6065) 19th Century collection will be sold in part in Wolsieffer's 253rd auction sale in the club room of the Philadelphia Stamp club. This collection contains a used copy of the very rare 4c blue Columbian error and many other good items.

While there are many advantages in collecting unused or used it is best in a way to collect both, for in a way if the stamp is too high priced unused you have a chance to buy it for less used and vice versa.

Montenegro's commemorative issues are: 1893, four hundredth anniversary of the introduction of printing; and 1906, new constitution or parliament.

A horse is as good as his feet. It's a great education to visit a hospital. See the patient Nurse Collector tenderly lift a poor faded mended stamp or gently bathe the face of an old smooth holed coin and wonder what it is.—Sparks.

When you see Uncle Sam's postman delivering the "West" the world's greatest collector's magazine it is a sign that some man, woman or child is intelligent, successful and happy at that address.—Sparks.

Can you beat it? Stamp collecting is an education. The time used in singing its praises is the beating of your heart.—Sparks.

Your collection is day by day and every day growing larger and better through bargains in the West.

Why did that New York collector rent a fifth story apartment without elevator service? Because his mother-in-law is lame and can't climb stairs.

A TRAVELING STAMP SHOW.

It has often been suggested that a stamp exhibition run on the lines of a traveling show would be fine propaganda for philately, but the honorary gentry who run stamp exhibitions can scarcely be expected to work the Barnum and Bailey stunt—they have their own little jobs to attend to.

But what is difficult if not impossible to private enterprise, is in a measure being accomplished by the U. S. post office, which has sent its interesting exhibit, as prepared for the London exhibition, on a sort of triumphal tour round the chief post offices of the great cities of the United States. The exhibit has already visited a score of cities and has a list of dates booked far ahead.

A few weeks ago it reached Boston, and was exhibited one evening at the club rooms of the Boston Philatelic Society, before being placed on public exhibition in the entrance hall of the Boston City Post Office.—Stamp Fortnightly.

The jubilee series of stamps marking the twenty-fifth anniversary of the coronation of Wilhelmina as Queen of the Netherlands was issued on August 31, when the Queen made a triumphal entry into The Hague in inaugurating the ceremonies. Although Wilhelmina came to the throne in 1890, she was then but a child, and the coronation did not take place until September 6, 1898. The stamps were issued on August 31, instead of September 6, for the reason that the former date is her birthday.

The appearance of these stamps at this time came as a surprise to philatelists, as the stamp publications abroad had been given to understand that the issue would not be placed on sale until 1925, although the reason for that was not made clear.—Youth's Companion.

The new stamps of Sweden are very interesting. We had intended to bring a complete reference list of them here, but must give up this design owing of lack of space. Surely you know, however, that most of them exist in many varieties, perforated on two or on four sides, with or without watermark wavy lines (also capital letters in all combinations), and with or without control figures on their backs. Then there are different kinds of paper and many occasional errors in the printing. The value 10 ore green (lion) exists in Tete-beche in about 15000 pieces, worth about 15 crowns. The Gustave Wasa stamps seem to be rarities especially the 20 ore value, that is sold for 75 ore.—Flatelsten.

The Svensk Filatelistisk Tidskrift of Sweden, gives some information respecting two errors of the "Landstormen" issue.

In the year of 1918 the postage rate changed from 5 to 7 ore and from 18 to 12 ore. The Post Office ordered all Voluntary Assistance Stamps (Landwtorm) back for over-printing. Then it was found that some values existed only in a few copies. To get whole speets with the overprinting, two half-speets must be joined together. By mistake some half-speets of 5 ore on 2 ore were joined with some half speets of 10 on 30 ore. The error was easily made, because the colors were similar. Some of these joined half speets were over-printed with 7 ore.

You may find pleasures and profits, history and geography in stamp and coin collecting.

1863-DEMAND VERSUS SUPPLY.

"One of the greatest maxims of commerce is that wherever there is a demand there will be a supply. This has proved true in a remarkable degree in the case of stamps. Two years ago the rising taste for collecting these little labels had scarcely a purveyor; now, not only London, and all the great provincial cities, but even many smaller towns, such as Hull, Dover, Hartlepool and Ipswich, contain dealers—many of them, doubtless, doing a good trade."—The Stamp Collector's Magazine, December 1st, 1863.

1923-SCIENCE VERSUS HOBBY.

"'Stamp collecting has now become more of a science than a hobby.' So said a well known London philatelist to 'The Daily Mirror,' when discussing the great number of new stamps which appear on the market every day.

"'The modern philatelist,' he declared, 'has to be as wide awake as a stockbroker, watching the changing market and ascertaining the latest prices almost to within an hour.

"'Younger men of the 'business' type are taking up philately, for there are now greater chances for enterprise and astuteness.

"'I am sure many people would be surprised if they knew the amount of money that is made out of stamps every year, a fashionable pursuit.'"—
"The Daily Mirror," December 3rd, 1923.

"Pieces of paper" that are your particular pets may afford much entertainment to philistine as well as philatelist. What vignettes of history with which to delight him, whether "classic" or "Neurope," ancient or modern; every stamp tells a story. Prove how ignorant he is even of recent events. Ask him if he can tell you anything about Bela Kun, and then enlighten him with the whole succinct story of the Bolshevik upstart as revealed in the "writing up" which accompanies your stamps of Hungary. And this is but one sample of thousands. Philately is polygraphic, indeed—Stamp Collecting.

Don't imagine that "Philately" merely consists of the accumulation of stamps. It really consists of the study of stamps. Learn to observe the many details that make up a stamp design, the different sorts of perforation, the texture of the paper, etc., and when you have an intelligent appreciation of these items you are on the road to becoming a philatelist.

A school in Italy uses stamp albums to teach geography and history. Each student has his own collection, while the school owns a larger and more complete one. The boys and girls are a great deal more devoted to their studies with such novel text books to attract and interest them than they would be with just common pink and blue maps.

Stamp collecting, philately as it is now called, provides with a hobby that is at once capitally entertaining and highly instructive. It is a hobby that is absolutely interesting all the time, and more than that, without you knowing it, it teaches you things all the while that it is amusing you. There is not any other hobby that can boast of doing so.

Some collectors are so dumb that they think nicotine and fork tines are relatives.—Sparks.

GOLDEN DAYS OF STAMP COLLECTING.

When were the golden days of stamp collecting? There are many collectors, growing old in years and in experience of general collecting, who would plump for the good old days when additions to their collection came freely and cheaply into their hands as they rummaged through the office waste paper basket. For a king spell before the war the w. p. b. was but a poor source of supply for the voracious collector of stamp varieties, but it is surely having another innings now with the prolific changes that have been soing on in the stamp issues of the great nations, the smaller new States, and —last, but not least—the U. S. and British Colonies.

The habit grows early in the stamp collector of tearing off stamps—except the commonest of everyday issues—from our correspondence, and accumulating boxes full of such used stamps in the fond hope that some day we shall wash them and sort them, and enrich our collections with the best of them, and make new collectors happy with gifts from the balance. Our intentions are not always realized, but we continue to save the stamps, and many will have noted that on the most ordinary business firm's correspondence there, comes a greater variety of stamps than at any time probably in the history of stamp collecting.

This condition of affairs began to strike our attention soon after the Armistice. People who had correspondence with Central Europe found new stamp varieties on their correspondence by every mail. It is even more noticeable to-day. If you were to receive a dozen letters from different correspondents in Germany by one mail, the likelihood is that each would be franked with different combinations of old stamps and new surcharged provisionals. Our mall from Germany is small, and chiefly consists of German stamp journals and circulars, from the covers of which between forty and fifty different stamps have been taken during the past month. Probably the new issue services have sent us even more German novelties in about the same period. Danzig, too, has contributed nearly as many, and during the past few months we have acquired—if we took due care of them—a pretty good run of Irish stamps, the new (1922) United States, a wide range of "Scripts," and novelties from many countries.

Of course stamp collecting with the w.p.b. as the main source of supply would never satisfy any intelligent collector for long, and we only call attention to its present exceptional interest because we think it may possibly be used to good propaganda purposes among young collectors. The beginner—and especially the young beginner—clamors for variety, and in the early stages of his collecting experience measures the growth of his interest by the numerical growth of his collection. For our part, we are glad to think that his first "thousand" is more easily obtainable than it was in the days of our beginning. Every new stamp acquired from the office w.p.b. or brought home from the City by the Pater helps to fan the flame of enthuslasm which stamps enkindle in the youth. It is a factor in philatelic propaganda not to be despised, although such early delights of picking up stamps for nothing are as naught compared with the excitements of hunting for old stamps at the auction rooms and stamp shops when the young beginner has full-grown into the true stamp lover.—Collector Fortnightly.

A dealer's personality is a wonderful thing, especially when he advertises in the West 50% off list on stamps.

SWEDEN'S UNIQUE STAMP DISCOVERY.—By Baron Eric Leijonhufvud.
(Continued from last issue.)

On my arrival in Sweden I started making inquiries about the yellow error. My friend, Dr. Ljungstrom, the well known philatelist, knew the name and address of the original finder of the error, a retired Major in the Swedish army, now Lieutenant-Colonel in the reserve. I managed to get into conversation with him over the telephone, and he kindly agreed to write me a letter giving all the particulars of his discovery and sale of this unique stamp. I shall quote from Colonel Backman's letter:

"In 1885 I was in the Latin School in Stockholm when I heard that a dealer-Mr. H. Lichtenstein-bought old skilling-banco stamps and paid high prices. He paid seven Swedish crowns (about 8|-) for the 3 and 24 skillings, and 7d. for the 4 skillings each copy. When visiting my grandmother in the country during the Christmas holidays, I asked her if she had any old letters left among my dead grandfather's papers and if she would permit me to take off and keep any stamps remaining, as a dealer paid high prices for skilling-bancos. She brought out a great number of letters with all sorts of skilling stamps in good preservation. There was, however, only one 3 skilling, and it was yellow. It was not fastened to an envelope but direct on the blue note-paper, which in those days was folded in a way to make envelopes unnecessary. On returning to Stockholm and my school I soon went to Lichtenstein with my collection of stamps; when he found the skilling-banco yellow he became very interested and said repeatedly 'but it is yellow.' Not being a collector, I did not even know in what color the different values were printed; but afraid in case I should lose some of the money, I said, 'should it not be yellow,' to which he replied. 'no, it should be green.' He put the stamp into some solution , examined it carefully through a magnifying glass, and continued to repeat 'but it is yellow.' I was now quite certain that something was wrong, and asked him if he would not pay me the sum promised, seven crowns. said, 'I shall give you the sum all the same.' He paid me the money for the 3 skilling as well as for all the other stamps, and I returned to my home with more pocket money than I ever had had in my life. Shortly after this I read in the Svenska Dagbladet about a stamp exhibition in Stockholm arranged by Mr. Lichtenstein; about my 3 skilling find it said: 'the pearl in the collection, which will make the mouth of every collector water. is a Swedish 3 skilling-bco., which by error is printed in yellow instead of green color. Mr. Lichtenstein has been offered three hundred Swedish crowns for the stamp but does not intend to sell it; it will some day fetch a very high price.' On account of this notice I imagined myself having a grievance against the dealer but my mother told me to be content as he had carried out his promise. I was then 14 years of age, but remember every detail very well on account of my part in finding the stamp, and any notice about it since then has always attracted my attention."

So far Colonel Backman!

Shortly after this exhibition in Stockholm, the now famous stamp was shown to members of the first Philatelic Society in Sweden, that of the University of Lund. Few of the members present on that occasion are now alive and the error disappeared for a long time. Monsieur Ferrary got possession of it first in June, 1894, through the well-known dealer in Vienna, Herr Friedl, in whose hands Lichtenstein had placed it for sale. Mr. Lich-

tenstein's son found the invoice in September last when looking through some of his father's papers on account of my inquiries. The invoice proves that Ferrary paid Friedl 4000 gulden, and the commission received by the latter was 1000 gulden.

The price paid in 1894 was consequently higher than the auction price in 1922, considering the changed value of money and the enormous increase in prices now paid for rare stamps. The majority of skilling-bancos of the rarer kind fetch eight to ten times the price as compared with the sums given 28 years ago. The error is in a very good condition and the postal cancellation has not spoiled it as is often the case just with the Swedish skilling stamps. It was posted at a small country post office which existed in 1857, but which is now closed. If scarcity be the only criterion of rarity, the 3 skilling Swedish error yellow instead of green, is undoubtedly the rarest European stamp.—Stamp Lover.

WAR CANCELLATIONS AND CENSOR MARKS.—By Ned H. Starbird. (Continued from last issue.)

- 7. Double ring type, 1 3-8 in., "Passed" at top, "Censor" at bottom, figures 21-13 in center.
- 8. Single ring type, 1 1-8 in., "Passed By" at top, "Censor" at bottom, "99" in center.
- 9. Single line, oval type, 1½ inches ling, crown on top of oval, "Passed Censor" in eenter.
- 10. Single line, oblong type, 2 1-8x3-8. "Passed by Censor" in one line in upper part, the same wording only in Dutch, "Doorgelaten door Censor" in lower part.
 - 11. "Passed Censor" in a one line rubber stamp, letters measuring 5-32".
- 12. Oblong type, 1 3-4x1 1-8, single but heavy line border, "Passed by" at top, "Postal Censor" underneath, one-half inch straight line underneath, "Dar-Es-Salam" at bottom.
 - 13. Similar to No. 12 only "Mombasa" instead of "Dar-Es-Salam"
- 14. Double ring, 1 3-16 inches, "Postage Free" at top, "Passed Censor" at bottom. Steel hand stamp. (One of the very few steel or metal censor stamps.)

In addition to the various censor marks I have covers which have been opened by the censors, and resealed with a large white sticker printed in red ink, with both the Euglish and Dutch phrases, "Opened by Censor," and "Geopened door Censor," the latter being at the top, with the English translation underneath. The eensor's number appears underneath both of them.

One eover mailed from Toledo, Ohio, to Nakasero, Uganda, was returned to the sender as the party had gone leaving no address. In addition to the common white sticker used by the British censors, there is a blue one reading, "Opened by eensor under martial law," the whole being printed in three lines.

One other cover bears a patriotic cancellation. It extends the entire length of the envelope and is as follows, "Koop unie lenings certifikaten" followed by the regular eireular post mark of the city, then "Buy union loan certificates," followed by the postmark. This is due to having both Dutch and English the official languages in South Africa.

The unthinking collector goes to pieces when times get hard and money tight. Save something out of the smash up. Shake yourself and start a thinking.—Sparks.

ADVERTISING CANCELLATIONS .- By M. Sorensen.

Columbus, Ohio, in 5 lines: OHIO STATE FAIR AUG. 27 TO SEPT. 1, 1923.

New York, N. Y., in 4 lines: ELECTRICAL & INDUSTRIAL EXPOSITION GRAND CENTRAL PALACE, OCT. 17 TO 27, '23.

Tulsa, Okla., in 4 lines: INTERNATIONAL PETROLEUM EXPOSITION, TULSA, OKLA., OCT. 8-14, '23.

Shreveport, La., in 4 lines: STATE FAIR OF LOUISIANA, SHREVE-PORT, OCT. 18-28, 1923.

Milwaukee, Wis., in 4 lines: FOOD-HOME-ELEC. EXPOSITION, MILWAUKEE AUDITORIUM, OCT. 15-21.

Pasadena, Calif., in 3 lines: FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY PASADENA ALI THE YEAR 1924.

Portland, Oreg., in 5 lines: PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL LIVE STOCK EXPOSITION NOV. 3-10.

At this writing are several offices using the same slogans as a year ago, such as "Red Cross Roll Call, Join," "Christmas Seals Stamp Out Tuberculosis, etc.

Trois Rivieres, Que., Canada, in 4 lines, and in both French and English: DEPOSEZ VOS COLIS DE NOEL DE BONNE HEURE. MAIL YOUR CHRIST-MAS PARCELS EARLY.

Edmonton, Alta., Canada, in 5 lines: DO NOT PLACE MONEY IN UNREGISTERED MAIL.

Vancouver, B. C., Canada, in 4 lines: SEND YOUR MONEY BY POST OFFICE MONEY ORDER.

Fort William, Ont., Canada, in 3 lines: STAMPED ENVELOPES SAVE TIME AND MONEY.

Toronto, Ont., Canada, in 4 lines: POST YOUR MAIL WHEN READY AND INSURE EARLY HANDLING.

Trieste, Italy, in 4 lines: PREGATE I VOSTRI CORRISPONDENTI DI AGGIUNGERE ALL'INCIRIZZO IL NUMERO DEL QUARTIERE*POSTALE.

The Red Cross roll call slogan is used in different designs, RED CROSS ROLL CALL, JOIN; RED CROSS ROLL CALL, JOIN, NOV. 11-30; RED CROSS ROLL CALL NOV. 11-30, JOIN, etc.

Chicago, Ill., in 4 lines: INTERNATIONAL LIVE STOCK EXPOSITION CHICAGO, DECEMBER 1 TO 8, 1923.

Pueblo, Colo., in 2 lines: NATIONAL CANCER WEEK, NOV. 12-20.

Fort William, Ont., Canada, in 3 lines: POST OFFICE C. O. D. GIVES SATISFACTION.

WINDOW PUBLICITY.

Would you do something to promote an interest in stamp collecting? All you need to do is fix up an attractive card of something new and novel in the philatelic line. Most any storekeeper will be glad to allow the use of window space for such a display, and you will be surprised at the number of people, old as well as young, who will be drawn to the exhibit. Some of our subscribers used the Harding stamps on and off the cover in this way, and the new airmail stamps soon to be issued can perform a similar service. Give the hobby this advertising, which can be easily and cheaply obtained.—From Mekeel's Weekly.

COLLECTING OF POSTMARKS-By Ned H. Starbird.

(Continued from last issue.)

The old issues will probably always have the preference but if all should confine their interests to these the supply would never meet the demand. There is considerable current material that is of unusual interest especially Metered Mail, slogan cancellations, aero covers, military markings and numerous unusual designs and combinations that occasionally come through. During 1922 we completed check lists of all meter users, published check lists of all slogan cancellations used in the U. S. and Canada and will continue the chronicle of new issues. We have a number of associates working on early U. S. cancellations, military marks and classifications of foreign countries.

This phase of philately is a recreation from the more serious pursuit of higher priced material. It is not intended to replace the stamp album for after an accumulation of 2x4 markings, the collectors can make selections from this stock and trim them down to a size that suits his convenience and mount them as he would the stamp alone. There is no more reason to think that you would have to have one of every post office or of every design, any more than you would have to have every item listed in Scott's to be a stamp collector. It is a wonderful field for selecting just the things that interest you. To some all postal markings are interesting, while others prefer only certain varieties associated with the stamps in which they specialize. With some it would be one out of a thousand, while others would select a few out of a hundred.

As most of this current material can be obtained at little or no cost, there is no harm in accumulating. Keep working over your stock by selling and trading and you will be surprised at the interesting items that will come your way. Keep the duplicates that you don't want for your own personal collection in a 2x4 condition for there are thousands of collectors who want only this size. There are many millions of this size reposing in collections that would be the envy of U. S. specialists if they could see them. During this year we have added more than two thousand new names to our mailing list, all interested in one or more phases of this "New Philately."

In recent years a stamp on a piece of the original cover, when both stamp and postmark were in good condition has brought a much higher price than when soaked off, the main objection to them being the variety of sizes and irregular shapes. Uniformity should appeal to philatelists who are already educated to such exact standards. We cannot make over those that have already been damaged by trimming, but we can improve the looks and value of those we trim in the future.

There are so many by-paths in philately that we seldom find two that collect exactly alike. For this reason we should be willing to save certain items that we know others want and appreciate if no more than for the selfish motive of getting what we want in exchange. We should encourage the collecting of material while it is current so that it may be classified, studied and written up while the knowledge is available. These may not mean anything to you NOW, but how do you know what they will mean to you in a few years? In philately we are apt to change our mind overnight as regards our method of collecting. What help it would be now if some one had compiled the material on early U. S. cancellations while they were current.

During 1922 we suggested an organization to be called "Philatelic Order of Good Fellows" without dues or assessments, and without qualifications other than the spirit of co-operation. We especially wanted to reach employees of business offices where a large mail was received. There was a ready response and we now have a correspondent in nearly three hundred cities who are keeping us posted and sending us current material. It takes time to locate and line up such a corps of assistants and it takes enthusiasm and square dealings to hold their confidence. This is gradually being extended to foreign countries and before another year is over we will practically cover the world through volunteer reporters.

As a further example of the interest in this phase of collecting, you will note Mr. Pike states that volunteer reporters, who are watching the mails everyday, send to him copies or description of such slogans as they come out.

Some of the other articles along this line that have been published in the "Digest" are "The Mission of a Postage Stamp; History of Rapid Cancelling Machines with Illustrations of six Different Models; and Classification of Postmarks with Illustrations of 23 Distinct Types and Description." Anyone interested can write Mr. Pike at Station G, Grant St., Buffalo, N. Y.

DOUBLE PRINTED UNI-COLORS.

It is surprising how few collectors take notice of the difference between the "double" and "single" printed uni-colored stamps of the British Colonies. Of course, in some of the Colonies, especially where the stamps are of the large pictorial size, every value is printed at two processes (for the "all one" color values), e.g. St. Helena, Dominica, St. Vincent, etc. Even when the stamp appears to be absolutely from one printing, a careful scrutiny of the center or key plate will show a discrepancy in the register. The 1913-19 issue of Trinidad and Tobago are all printed at two processes and, though even the center may appear to be in the same ink and of the same color as the rest of the design, a few minutes soaking in hot water will speedily prove that not only was the stamp printed at two processes, but that two entirely different inks were used. The register may be perfect, or as near perfect as the human eye or ordinary magnifyer will show—but hot water and soda will expose a lot. (I do not refer to stamps issued since the "war colored" yellow-greens and scarlets.)

PHILATELIC MISERS.

While we of "The Philatelic Magazine" do our best to gather and impart the fruits of research to our fellow-collectors, we are suitably impressed by certain people who never tire of railing at standard works of reference in general (and priced catalogues in particular) referring darkly to information at their disposal that would absolutely prove the accepted arrangement and comparative values of stamps of almost any country to be hopelessly wrong. What impresses us most is the misused power of self-restraint exercised by collectors who see their fellows suffering from appalling ignorance, which they alone, apparently, are able to remedy, without so much as moistening a pen to remedy such a state of affairs. Of course, such statements, more eften than not probably, are just "hot air," but it is never out of place for our readers to remind such individuals that instead of hoarding up their knowledge they should follow the example of the best writers of today, and offer their researches to "The Philatelic West."

STAMP COLLECTING AS A MEANS TO AN END .- By M. Mauck.

Although stamp collecting is growing by leaps and bounds far more today than it has ever done in the past by reason of the ever increasing publicity given the hobby, there are still members of the human race who, when broached on the subject of "Philately" act as though they were being interrogated in Greek and their answer to your well-meant inquiry on matters stampic is nearly always put in the form of the question "Why is a stamp collector?" or words to that effect.

To those of us who have been stamp collectors from our youth up, starting possibly with a worn-out album donated by some more fortunate and oider collector and a few stamps which had no doubt seen better days, this seems indeed a most foolish question, but on the other hand, there are many stamp collectors (and possibly dealers, too) who can remember the time when an inquiry addressed to them on stamps and stamp collecting would have elicited practically the same reply as that given by the skeptic above quoted.

The difference between their attitude then and now is that they are now "on the inside, looking out" instead of "on the outside, looking in" by reason of this stamp experience they have gained and can well appreciate the manifold benefits to be derived from this pastime.

How easy it is, for the sake of comparison, to look back upon the time when the mere sight of a golfer on his way to the links, jauntily attired in his sporty knickers, cap (if one at all) most likely setting at a rakish angle, with his bag of what looked to the un-initiated like enlarged potatomashers, (but which were in reality the implements of golf play) slung across his shoulder, produced uncontrolled mirth and you wondered how anyone of sound mind could waste perfectly valuable time in beating a little ball about and walking after it.

But Time brings its changes and golf in the present era is looked upon as quite the thing and as the ever-increasing participants in this popular pastime avow, it is one of the healthlest of athletic recreations, keeping as it does, its devotees in the great outdoors and testing at one and the same time a man's skill, his endurance and his control of himself, (for even good golfers, they say, are tempted to speak in language most emphatic and usually forbidden when things do not go just right) as well as providing the opportunity for indulgence to the limit of one's desire for the beautiful as is expressed in the natural and cultivated scenery abounding on practically every golf course in the country.

If golf from a physical standpoint proves the tonic which braces up the tired business man and renews his vitality, just stop and consider what stamps and the pursuit of stamp collecting does for the man, woman and child who is tired mentally and what person is not at some time or other wearied mentally? To such, stamp collecting is indeed a boon.

After a hard day in the office, factory, shop, on the street or wherever it may be, what a relief to come home, pull out the old album and lose your worries in the all-absorbing world of stamps. Even we dealers at odd times let the shop look after itself for a few moments while we pore over our own collections. By the time the collector has spent a full evening in the midst of his paper treasures, the chances are his worries are entirely forgotten and he is ready for a good night's sleep into which nothing more harmless than a few stamp reminiscences will intrude.

Thus the pursuit of stamp collecting is indeed a means to an end and happy are those who are fortunate enough to be on Philately's rolls. The study of stamps surely satisfies the love of the beautiful for where can prettier art be found than in the designs of some stamps that have been issued. Stamp collecting also brings comfort to the sick, relief and forgetfulness of their troubles to those suffering from mental worries, knowledge and power to the high school and even the grammar school boy and girl and useful occupation to those whose time hangs heavily on their hands.

So when Mr. Skeptic button-holes you and tries to poke fun at your hobby, you have many good, un-answerable arguments to cite as reason for being a stamp collector and it is very doubtful if he can name more than one or two (and these mostly imaginary) reasons for not being one. It's a safe bet if he can be persuaded to try stamp collecting for even a short time he will then of his own accord become a full-fledged collector and booster for the greatest indoor hobby of all and Philately will have gained another convert.

TORONTO TOPICS .- By William Butler.

At a recent meeting of the Toronto Stamp Collectors' club B. A. Turner was chosen for auctioneer and William Butler as publicity manager.

Some recent Toronto cancellations are: "Royal Winter Fair—Toronto—Nov. 20th to 28th," in four lines; "Help The Muskoka Hospital For Consumptives," in three lines; and "Mail Your Christmas Parcels Early," in four lines.

Mr. Fred Jarrett, vice president of the Toronto Stamp Collectors' club, is now at work on a revised edition of his "Postage Stamps of Canada." He is slated for a talk and display on the stamps of Canada at the next meeting of the club.

R. G. Everhard, of Oshawa, Ontario, a prominent member of the Toronto club, is a keen collector of Irish Free State emissions, and his specialized collection numbers over one thousand examples. Lately, however, he received a distinct shock when he heard from a prominent collector in Spring-weld, Mass., whose collection of this country numbers 5,000 examples.

President E. Harris of the Toronto Stamp Collectors' club while exhibiting his "Odds and Ends" collection recently, told about a Syracuse, N. Y., collector and his request for "Prohibition Stamps." It was later found out that he was referring to the Newfoundland surcharges sans the bar at the bottom.

Mr. Milton Ritter of this city takes a just pride in an excellent collection of "Bullshevick" and Russian covers, which he is collecting. To one of them is attached an entire sheet of stamps, which encompasses the envelope eight times.

For a number of reasons, but principally that of economy, the Toronto Stamp Collectors' club is now holding its meetings at the Empress Hotel, 27 Yonge Street, Toronto, semi-monthly at 8 p. m. An interesting feature of each meeting is an auction sale, enabling members to dispose of their duplicates. Papers are read and talks given. Local collectors are invited to affiliate, and visitors will be welcome at all times.

Saskatchewan.—New arrivals of Canadian propaganda postmarks include one advertising the "Yorktown Stamp Exhibition, September 19th-22nd, 1923."

FOREIGN REVENUE NOTES-By Oscar T. Hartmann.

We all know the rapid rise of the Mark values on the postage stamps. The latest I have seen is a 10 billions mark stamp and there will be bigger ones until the final curtain gall. Revenues do not reflect this condition. By the first of the new year it will be nearly all cash payment and no stamps used. The highest value I have is the 50 millions mark revenue. Printed on the 3M. revenue anybody can tell what percentage of raise it is. From 3M. to 50 millions mark. This year's drop of the mark is reflected by following facts. In the spring of this year the lower values up to 3M, were for public use. Some higher up to 30M, only procurable when attached to document. Then some provisionals of these higher values came also in use. In about June I received a lot of M5 to 100M. The lower values having dropped out. Then at end of August a 500, 1,000, 5,000 and 10,000 M. to be followed by a 100,000M. surcharged on the 10pf. and on the first of November a 1, 10 and 50 million's mark stamp. My informer says that no further values will be issued. Of course up to January 1 is another month and may be something else will happen.

Another stamp of interest is the ruckver gutung. A stamp to pay back (not back pay) to the German press the amount of 150 or 1,500 or 15,000 mark. I have seen no other stamp of this class in any other country.

The documents have risen to a 200,000 M. The income to a 50,000 mark. Statistic to a 100,000 M. Austria with a 50,000 kronen has become very steady. The only surcharged stamps which create worry to the collector are the champagne stamps. He cannot buy or drink all the champagne in order to secure the stamps and if he does not the stamps come generally in a damaged condition. The remainder of Bosnia in the state printery at Vienna were used and surcharged 109 different of them in 1921 and in 1923 surcharged 40 of them in red for new, higher values and other provisionals can be expected. Many new town revenues have been created.

Of a country you hear of very little is Switzerland. Now and then you pick up a new value but outside of a few common values not much is offered.

Poland is progressing. The latest I got are a 3,000, 5,000 and 10,000 mark document stamp. I wish the collector to pay attention to three sets running side by side with only different monetary inscriptions.

Some of the C. G. H. S. (Upper Silesia) freight bill stamps, especially the 1, 2, 3 and 4 mark, are offered in plenty just now.

Turkey shows some new designs. Better learn the Turkish numerals or you miss a good value.

If you come across a sells stamp of Spain or its former colonies and it has no numeral on back you can almost be sure that it is not an adhesive, but a cut-out documentary paper stamp. They are pretty and make a nice showing. Some of the designs date back over 100 years.

Almost any collector who has had a little experience will have met with the English bill or note, cut out ,red stamp. The little oval one penny is the common one. Cut out nice in a square they are quite attractive. Let me see what is there respective scarcity. Commencing with small one and six pence it progresses: 3d., 6d., 1sh., 2sh.—1d. large, 8d., 9., 2sh. 6d., 3sh., 5sh.—I sh 3d., 1 sh. 6d., 6sh., 10sh.—4sh., 1 pound, 5pd.—2d., 5d., 7sh., 8sh., 6pd. and so on. As a rule all odd values are scarce except like a 2pd. 5sh. is more common than a 2pd., 15sh. A 7d. or a 19sh. I have not seen. Some of these bill or note stamps come colorless, embossed. Many designs of

some values exist and have also many control letters. Of course the date varies and is hardly collectable. One of each design of each value makes a pretty collection.

Mexican revenues find more collectors every year. Of the higher pesos value is not enough to go around.

The Utah clgaret is issued only with the word Utah perforated into each stamp, so if you do not want punched stamps you have to leave them alone.

NEW SET OF IRAQ STAMPS.

Collectors will be anxlous to obtain the new series of stamps issued by Iraq, better known as Mesopotamia, specimens of which have now reached this country. So far as is known these are the first stamps ever to be designed by women. They have been issued to commemorate the freedom of the Land of the Date, which now is free after centuries of foreign rule.

It would seem that these new stamps are destined to be of permanent philatelic interest, as some denominations already are out of print. Thus the issue of 1½ annas has been exhausted, while of the 2 rupees only a few are left. One of the most interesting stamps of the series is the one anna which, against a background of date palms, shows the circular native boats, called coracles, descending the Tigris. The stamps were designed by Mrs. Colin C. Garbett and Miss Edith Cheesman.

There are twelve values and eight designs in the series. The ½ anna olive green shows the mosque of Moadhdham, the 1 anna, sepia, coracles or the Tigris; the 1½ annas, rose, the winged god Illus; the 2 annas, ochre, the winged bull; the 3 annas, indigo, the ruins of Ctesiphon; the 4 annas, purple, a standard bearer of the Desert Camel Corps; the 6 annas, green, the mosque of Kadhimian; the 8 annas, mustard, the standard bearer; the 1 rupee, green and brown, the Tree of Life; the 2 rupees, green, the mosque of Moadhdham; the 5 rupees, orange, the standard bearer; the 10 rupees, red, the mosque of Kadhimian.

PHILATELIC CONGRESS OF GT. BRITAIN-11TH CONGRESS 1924.

To be held at Glasgow from June 3rd to 6th, 1924 under the auspices of the Junior Philatelic society of Scotland.

F. J. Melville, Bertram McGowan, and other well known Scottish philatelists have kindly promised to read papers at the congress.

There will be receptions, visits to places of interest, philatelic propaganda, meetings of an original nature, the customary banquet, and several other attractions which are still in the process of being arranged.

Further particulars from the organizing secretary, Mr. James R. Donaldson, 186 St. Vincent Street, Glasgow.

CAN YOU BEAT THIS?

My new acquaintance turned out to be a stamp collector, so, of course, we compared notes. "Yes, I have a very fine collection. I've got stamps from absolutely every country, and quite a lot of rare old ones, too." "Have you any Sydney Views?" "No; I only collect stamps."—Victorian Philatelic Record.

Subscription to the "WEST" costs you nothing—it guarantees you 1000 per cent profit. You don't have to run your legs off to get it together. It comes already gathered in a bunch ready to give you a feast.—Sparks.



By V. W. ROTNEM, 204 Craigle Hall, Cambridge, 38, Mass.

NOTE: A precancel department to function properly requires continual co-operation from its readers. Precancels are being used extensively by citles of all sizes in the United States. Every collector in this country has an opportunity to be the first to notice some new issue that comes from his vicinity. We welcome and appreciae information as to these new series, as well as other notes of an instructive nature from more advanced collectors. When convenient, kindly submit samples of new series, so that the types may be accurately defined.

Mr. Brodstone's belief that precancels had become such an important branch of U. S. postage stamp collecting has been verified by the great number of inquiries and replies from readers of the WEST. Your department editor is convinced that this page will be an important one in all further issues of this publication. It is certain that news of precancels is a necessity in a publication of the type of the WEST.

Many of the replies asked for information as to the best method of mounting a collection of precancels. Now precancels are the definite postal issues of each respective city. Each city is a definite part and parcel of a certain state. For example the precancels of Omaha, Neb., are the postal issues of that city. Omaha as a city is an integral part of the state of Nebraska. It seems, therefore, that the best division to make in a collection is, first, by states. Nebraska as one of the forty-eight states of the union is an important philatelic unit, and the cities under its jurisdiction are only parts of the state government.

Besides this rather technical reason, a division of precancels under states permits the enlargement of a collection with much greater ease than if precancels are mounted alphabetically by cities only. The collection should first be divided into forty-eight states and under each state its cities should be alphabetically arranged.

A looseleaf album is preferable because as the collection grows it permits pages to be inserted without trouble.

A beginner will find it best to pay special attention to the completion of sets of the larger cities; such as St. Louis, Chicago, Kansas City, San Francisco, New York, Philadelphia and Boston. Smaller cities should be collected but more attention should be paid to the completion of all the values of the current sets from the larger cities. They make a very attractive display and will be much more interesting from a collection viewpoint than the random filling in of smaller towns.

After a while a collector may wish to specialize in the issues of his home state, or some special issue; such as the Harding memorials. Some very important specialized collections of this sort have been built up in recent years. In some later issue of the West we will try to describe some of these. Some interesting new items have appeared during the month and are as follows:

HARDINGS.

Portland, Ore., Harding. Oxford, Ohio, normal and inverted, hand stamp

medium size. Anamosa, lowa. Louisville, Kentucky, normal and inverted. La Junta, Col., normal.

Woodbury, N. J., home of Williams Shaving Cream, now using precancels. Easy enough to guess who uses 'em. Order a sample of Williams and see if you get a pretty precancel.

Fourteen cent Indians spring out from amidst the tall corn.—Cedar Rapids and Des Moines.

(Continued from last issue.)

So exalted did the position of our precancel become that in comparison with the ordinary cancelled postage stamp, the precancel boy occupied a virtual throne of honor in the hearts of collectors. The poor little ordinary cancelled copy had been demoted, practically to the realms of the pauper; the precancel had become the Prince. You will recall Mark Twain's entertaining story, "The Prince and The Pauper." Way back in the early sixteen hundreds in England, when Kings were much more important than they are today, there lived a beautiful little Prince, heir apparent to the throne. This little Prince, in spite of his royal surroundings, enjoyed the occasional forbidden company of a little urchin, who strangely resembled him in face, figure and speech.

One day the little pauper suggested a change of clothes; the Prince readily agreed. No sooner had the change been made than the Prince's body guard appeared and brought the little pauper in the Prince's clothes into the royal chamber. The Prince in the pauper's clothes went back into the street. But in time the manner and breeding of the little pauper gave him away and the Prince was returned in full glory.

Our precancel boy was much like the little Prince; for a time his unknown qualities were not appreciated, but blood would tell. He could not be kept down, and soon he came to his throne. Precancels occupy a position of royalty in philately today. The startling growth of the hobby is more talked of today than any other philatelic subject.

New Issue List.

New memorial Harding Precancels. Some of the most interesting issues of the last month have been the Harding Mourning Stamps precancelled. Up to this date copies have been chronicled from the following cities:

Van Buren, Arkansas; Kansas City, Missouri; Big Creek, California; Cloquet, Minnesota; Iowa City, Iowa; Gaston, Indiana; Windon, Minnesota; Mt. Vernon, Iowa; Tacoma, Washington; Spokane, Washington; Bay City, Michigan.

Further lists of new issues of the Harding stamps of the new U.S. series will be chronicled here next month. Please submit samples of such varieties as you find. They will be promptly returned.

The fine collection of U. S. and British Colonial stamps formed by the late R. D. Craighead was sold by auction in the Club Room of the Phlladelphia Stamp Club on September 5, Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer being the auctioneer. The whole of the proceeds (some six thousand dollars) are to be devoted by the widow to the establishment of an eye clinic in a new Atlantic City hospital.

O happy one, for whom even pleasure lends Another avenue for blessing unknown friends, Love offers to exchange thy precious stamps For light, on eyes else dark to shining lamps.—M. N. G.

OUR ILLUSTRATIONS

C. Bagley was born in DeKalb county, Illinois, November 30, 1843.

My parents moved to Oregon Territory in 1852, leaving Princeton, Illinois, April 20th of that year.

We crossed the Missouri river at Kanesville, May 22 and landed on the present site of Omaha, where we remained until Monday morning the 24th.

The Indian country began there and there were thousands of Indians camped all along the river for miles. They were gathered there for a general council I recollect.

We came up the north side of the Platte, on through the Biack Hills, up the Sweet Water and crossed the South Pass on the 4th of July.

We reached our destination at Salem, Oregon, the capital, on September 17th.

We lived in and near there until October, 1860, when we came to Seattle, then a village of twenty families. A heavy forest surrounded it on the landward side.

Today it is a city of about 350,000, and there are only six persons who have been here longer than I.

In 1865 I was married to Alice Mercer, who came across the plains in the same train that we did. We have five children—all married, who have seven children.

In 1868 I began to learn the printer's trade. The following year I bought a small newspaper and worked at printing and publishing for twenty years. There was no work or service in the old-fashioned country printing office that I did not fully understand.

My life has been a busy one and I have done my full share in pioneer work.

In October, 1900, I was appointed Secretary of the Board of Public Works of the City of Seattle and have served continuously for twenty-three years.

More than fifty years ago I began collecting newspapers, pamphlets, books, manuscripts, maps, etc., pertaining to this Northwest country and finally acquired the most extensive private library of that description in existence. The University of Washington acquired it about four years ago.

During the past thirty years I have done a great deal of historical writing about Oregon, Washington and Seattle, especially of the latter. In 1916 I wrote a three-volume history of this City, which was published by a Chicago house. I spent the month of April, 1916, in that City, reading proofs and closing up the work.

I went to the public school of Chicago during the winter of 1849-50.

Ezra Meeker and I have been acquaintances and friends for more than sixty years, and during the past twenty years have spent a great deal of time together as we are both greatly interested in Pacific Northwest history, The Oregon Trail and combatting the Whitman Myth or the fable of "Whitman Saving Oregon." Anyone, who today advocates that story is grossly ignorant or dishonest.

During the great Civil War period I acquired a lot of fractional currency, Confederate notes, etc., and as I believe every busy man should have a fad of some kind to rest hls mind I resumed collecting small paper moneys. I now have over two thousand pieces, covering more than seventy nationali-

ties, and have just begun my work, and am in the market for something old in that line.—C. B. Bagley.

Mr. A. Hippchen, dealer in foreign and United States stamps at 118 N. LaSalle street, Room 210, Chicago, Ill. He is located in the very busy section of the city of Chicago, just opposite entrance to the Chicago city hall, where he started dealing in stamps 7 years ago. Since then collectors from all parts of the United States have not failed to pay Mr. Hippchen a visit while in Chicago for he has at all times hundreds of stamps on display in his office, a treat which collectors seldom find. It is also very interesting to know that Mr. Hippchen, besides selling millions of stamps ever the counter, has during the year 1923 handled through his office close to 3 tons of mixture stamps. For nearly 20 years Mr. Hippchen has spent much of his time to make a thorough study of stamps, the watermarks, cancellations, perforations, surcharges, etc., etc., not only of the countries themselves, but also of the year dates of these countries. Mr. Hippchen extends to all our readers a cordial welcome when on a visit in Chicago.

TO THE READERS.

In reply to repeated requests a picture illustrating a small part of the Collectors Supply House collection is published in this issue. The illustration shows only a few items of the Lepidoptera, Coleoptera, Orthoptera and Arachnidae groups or in plain English, butterflies, moths, beetles, walkingsticks, etc., spiders and scorpions from many parts of the world. In some of the exhibition cases on the picture you will notice some of the large birdlike butterflies of the Ornithoptera family which come from the far off Indo-Australian Fauna. Some cases are filled with the different species of the wonderful large blue Morpho butterflies from South America. In one of the lower rows in the center case is the prettiest Sphinx moth of India and the Deadhead moth from Europe which is also a very interesting specie. On the right is two cases filled with representatives of the largest insects of the world. These are the Walkingstick insects from India, Ceylon and Java. Some measure over 15 inches in length. Below these are a wonderful series of Walking-leafs from Ceylon in the different stages of biological development, from larvae to full grown adult. In the upper row you will notice the females which resemble a leaf so well that a number of people doubted our statement, when we declared that they were insects. They also change the color according to the season, so when the leaves turn yellow, they also change to the same shade. In the case are representatives of various shades. The particular walkingleaf which we are referring to is the Phillium pulchrifolium. There is one case on the right representing subjects of the Spider family (Arachnidae). In the lower left corner of the case is a nest of the interesting Trapdoor spider, which is over six inches long. Scorpions also belong to the same group and there are some in the case from Cameroon, Africa, which cover a space over eight inches. In the two cases below are Beetles and the two in the left upper corner belong to the Goliath beetles. The size of them is over three inches which gives the reader an idea of the size of the other species in the picture but we have still larger beetles in our collection which the picture does not illustrate.

In the left corner is a large butterfly in a frame 2½x3½ feet. The butterfly is produced of all kinds of butterfly wings and a good many admirers of our collection have taken it for a natural butterfly and wonder-

ed where such giants fly, until we informed them about the reality. The capital letters are created out of small beetles, and the other letters out of butterfly wings.

We could write about many thousands of other insects which are represented in our collection but space does not permit us to do so. Should the readers of the "Collectors' World" be interested in articles of some of the wonders of the Insect World, just inform the editor of the Collectors' Supply House, Callahan, Florida.

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We can always find something topical in philately. If you are interested in crystal sets and cats' whiskers, look up the stamps of St. Vincent, and if you are "up" in radio turn up Persia for condensers! Which reminds us, several American stamp dealers announce their special nights for broadcasting stamp news and stamp offers, yet, if a poor English stamp dealer dared to do such a thing, some official, who perhaps had never met the P. M. G. in his life, would take out a summary prosecution in the local police court in the name of His Majesty's Postmaster-General, and the poor tweezers wielder would be visited by all sorts of threats from the unpaid bench!—Stamp Collecting.

It begins to look as though the S. P. A. means business. Its committee on Ways and Means, appointed to adjust matters on the irregularities of members who failed to settle promptly with the sales department, at the annual convention in Washington reported it had accumulated several hundred dollars as the starter toward this refund. Disbursements to those having had losses will start soon, we understand.

The S. P. A. deserves credit for digging into this problem so definitely. The average society, under circumstances like these, might run away from such obligations. It speaks well for the personnel of the S. P. A.'s membership that they are going after their task of sales department losses so heroically.

Any crowd of men who do this deserve recognition by having philatelists join the society. Among other things such members get the benefits of their reorganized sales department.

We predict a revived S. P. A. for its new President, V. W. Botnem.

The stamp album has been aptly termed "The Newspaper Reader's Companion," and verily we derive infinitely more pleasure from it than from the columns of our dailies. How busy it has kept us these last few weeks!—the Balkan breezes, the Corfu commotion, the Japanese horror, the devastation of the mark, the eruption of Etna, the passing of President Harding, prying for Pocahontas, the Dutch Queen's Jubilee, the London conference of Dominion premiers—these are but a few of the kaleidoscope of recent happenings aptly illustrated in the stamp album. Poland has been strangely quiet, but was saved from ignominy (!) by the personal appearance in our midst of the pianistic hero of the 15 fennig stamp in 1919.—Stamp Collecting.

Argentine Republic has decided to compile two official reference collections of postage stamps, one to consist solely of the issues of the Republic and the other of "Specimen" stamps received from the Postal Union.



A stamp a day makes collecting pay.

Our little want ads get results.

Philately is connected with all ages, in every clime, and among all races. It is not generally known that Mrs. Harding, widow of our deceased president, is a stamp collector, but such is the case and she is a very enthusiastic one and we believe that she considers the issuance of a special stamp a most favorable memoriam to her deceased husband.

Tell your friends about West and show them your copy. They will appreciate it, and so will we.

The design on the stamps of Duttia, one of the Native Indian States, represents Ganesh, the Hindu God of good luck.

Teachers who are not interested have found out that the stamp collecting pupil knows more geography and history than they do themselves.

Canada has a new Dollar Stamp, the first since the Queen's Diamond Jubilee set of 1897.

The collector who will not give more than half catalogue usually lives to sell at a tenth.

Have a good look first, and if you don't find it, advertise for it in the next number.

One of the greatest drawbacks with which the beginner in Philately has to contend with is the difficulty of obtaining easily accessible information regarding the thousand and one matters concerning stamps and stamp collecting.

If it is not stamps let it be coins. It will be appreciated too.

Don't be afraid to go into a stamp dealer's office to ask for information. They will help you out any time on any question that stumps you.

Stamps overprinted for any government by a private firm will, until the millennium eventuates, always contain a percentage of errors.

Please do us the favor of telling all your friend collectors and otherwise— about West and join us in our campaign to increase the number of active collectors.

An interesting feature to be seen in the French capital is the street market for stamp collectors, held on Sunday and Thursday of each week. It is open to any one who wishes to buy or sell.

The best news sometimes is found among the advertisements.

Twenty-five years ago stamp collecting was the hobby of many and the business of a few. Today matters have been reversed.

The best way to bring buyer and seller together—an ad in this journal. New Zealand is to have a new penny stamp on October 1, 1923, to celebrate the Dominion's return to penny postage. The design is a map of the Dominion, and the color is to be flesh.

King Tut's stamp collection will be placed at auction as soon as it has been brought to light.







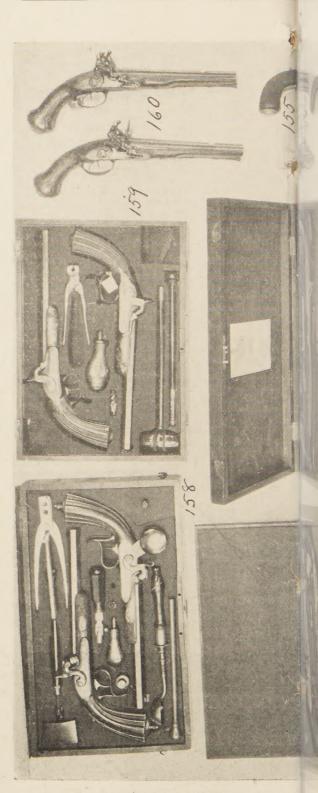
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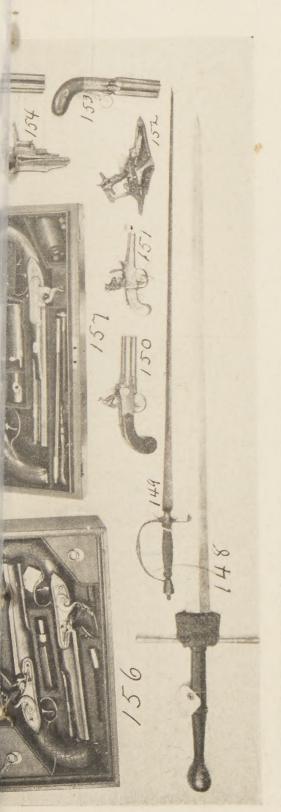


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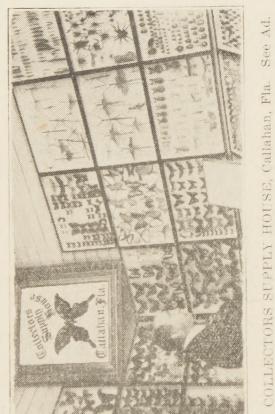


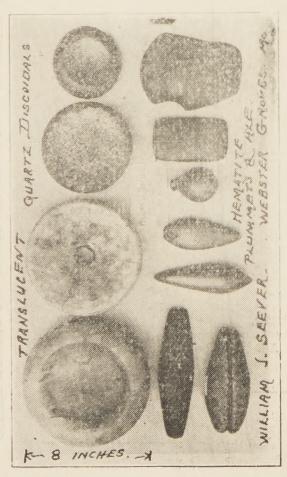
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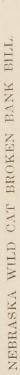
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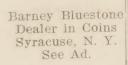








Stamp Rulers New Year's Dance When West Was Young.





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NUMISMATICS

Among the late contributions to the world's supply of coins may be mentioned the following: New gold coins by Czeeho-Slovakia. Morocco, 1 franc, 25 centimes. Tunis, 2 francs, aluminum-bronze. Syria, one-half piastre, nickel. Iceland, 25 ore, 10 ore, nickel. Bulgaria, 1 and 2 levas, aluminum-Brazil, 1000 reis, brass. Hamburg, 20 marks, silver. Germany, 200 and 500 marks, nickel. Westphalia, 10,000 marks, yellow metal. Latvia, 1, 2, 5 santimi, bronze, 10, 20, 50 santimu, nickel. Roumania, 25 and 50 bani, aluminum. France, 5, 10, 25 centimes, nickel, 1 franc, alloy. Greenland, 10 ore to 10 kroner tokens. Switzerland, 5 francs, silver. Esthonia, 1, 3, 5 marks, copper-nickel. Egypt, 5 pounds, gold. Denmark, commemorative 2 kroner, silver. United States, Monroe Centennial half dollar, silver. These are either entirely new issues or old denominations in new designs or metals.

The act authorizing the issue of the Monroe Doctrine half dollar, limited the number of pieces to be struck at 300,000. The Coin Department of the Motion Picture Exposition reported that on account of die break only 271,000 pieces were struck, while the Treasury Department reports 274,000 pieces struck. We must assume that the official ligure is correct.

It is quite an expense to a government to keep the circulating money in the country in proper condition. The British are said to be a little more particular about the cleanliness of the circulating medium than certain other nations. The bills withdrawn from circulation weekly amount to 5 million pounds. During the year 1919 silver coin to the amount of 142, 279 pounds were withdrawn on account of being worn. The loss in silver amounted to 12,680 pounds. From 1892 to 1917 worn gold coin to the amount of 76,775,000 pounds were withdrawn; the loss being 982,929 pounds sterling. The average loss on each coin was only a little over 2 pence.

It is a curious fact that whenever an old and unusual coin is brought to light, the finder begins to dream about easy riches. Some years ago a fellow wrote me that he had a U. S. gold coin without the value given on it. He thought it ought to be good for a flivver. The other day I had a newspaper clipping sent me, where it told about a boy kicking up an old Saxon silver dollar in a dirt heap somewhere out in California. The whole town was stirred up about the incident, the local paper came out with a fantastic tale. The "professor" in the high school examined the coin closely, translated some of its Latin inscription, let his light shine and let it be known that Saxbur was the ancient name for Saxony. He overlooked the period between Sax and Bur, and evidently did not know that the two abreviations stood for Saxony, Burgundy, etc. The coin was the so-called two-brothers dollar of Saxony, 1540.

COIN NOTES.

Hobby of Lincoln Man Collecting Ancient Coins.

A coin dating at least five hundred years before the birth of Christ is now in the possession of John L. Pierce, clerk of the Lancaster county court. It is small—about the size of the present-day nickel—and is not quite round. The edges were not milled, and it is irregularly shaped.

On one side is a picture of the goddess Minerva, which symbolized war, and wisdom. On the other was a representation of a lion, given full face from the front. The coin is made of copper and was manufactured and used in Greece.

Mr. Pierce also owns other coins, valuable for their histories. Roman coins from the reigns of Antonius, and one from a Caesar are included. These very ancient pieces of money are none of them perfectly shaped, due probably to the lack of proper facitities in ancient days.

Made of copper, they are about the size of the American half-dollar.

Mr. Pierce does not confine himself to the collection of rare and unusual coins. He is interested in all sorts of queer old things.

"My grandfather manufactured cannons for the revolutionary armies," he explains, and then shows the certificates which the United States used in paying its debts. They are given in terms of "Spanish milled dollars," and are about half the size of present-day silver certificates.

"Wildcat currency", is another form of antique money which Mr. Pierce keeps. The "City of Omaha" certificates issued in 1856 were repudiated, although they were secured by city property. The 1863 "Bank of DeSoto" notes were also unpaid, as were most of the other beautifully-printed pieces of paper issued by the banks before the standardization of legal tender.

A check written when he was a young man is another of the treasured possessions Mr. Pierce keeps. The revenue stamp is printed on this check, leaving no doubt that the tax has been paid.

In Siberia, a stamp about the size the past, war instead of the ordinary of a postage stamp was used during currency. One of these stamps brought to this country by a soldier just out of service Mr. Pierce has in his collection, together with the revolutionary coins.

"But these," Mr. Pierce says, as he picks up another pile of greenbacks," I consider much the prettiest of them all."

The are Federal Reserve bank notes.

MORRIS C. LONG .-- By William J. Seever.

Departed this life at his Kansas City, Mo., residence November 29, 1923. A public spirited citizen, home loving, a true friend. For many years an ardent student and collector of American antiquities and Indian relics. Mr. Long gave freely, both time and money, to archaeological research in the United States. His wonderful collection of specimens, long known as the best in this country will grace the museum of some public institution. His wife and daughter survive him.

I want each one of you, your chums and friends to help me make West publication a success which will make our hobby of stamp and coin collecting more popular.

CLINTON MAN HAS COLLECTION OF BUTTERFLIES NUMBERING 17,000.

Clinton, Iowa.—Few museums in this country boast a bigger or prettier collection of butterflies than J. S. Faaborg, twenty years treasurer of the Danish societies of America and a former teacher in Denmark.

Every country in the world is represented in the 17,000 lovely creatures Mr. Faaborg began collecting when he was a student in the Danish university, just for the love of the work. Not one of them have cost more than \$3 and they range in size from that of a mosquito to twelve inches from tip to tip.

Freckles and the Girl of the Limberlost would have a real feast in the studio of Mr. Faaborg, where every specie of the day and night variety has been carefully mounted, tagged and classified. They are arranged mostly in pairs but whole lines of some species have been captured, a revelation to those who do not know that butterflies like people have ancestors. Painter's brush could not paint colors more oddly, more beautifully, nor lines more accurately than some of the lovely little creatures have been made by Dame Nature herself. Some of them look like rich velvet, others like gingham, and some like calico, while many of the little ones and a few of the rarest big ones look like sheer silk or gauze.

One that Mr. Faaborg has framed alone has a lovely changeable blue color and resembles plush. It is light blue and changes as one goes near to dark blue and gold. Orange, purple, all the colors of the rainbow are represented in the collection. Rarest are some from Argentine, France and New Guinea, but many of the vary rarest are found right here in the Mississippi valley.

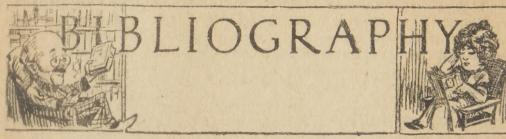
A moving picture operator recently visited the Faaborg studio, and had the butterflies removed to the garden where Mr. Faaborg had cultivated a bed of ferns and flowers, and arranging them there took twenty-nine feet of film, which he sold to the screen. They are to be shown soon, he says.

Mr. Faaborg's interest waned in his old hobby a few years ago when he suffered a sunstroke, and he is willing to let some college or museum have his collection if they want it. He says he only wants it to go where it will be taken good care of.—Gazette.

AN ANTIQUE TRUNK.

A trunk 125 years old is in active use by William S. Mayo of Mankato, Minnesota, recently arrived manager of the North Shore golf course at Lake St. Marys. The trunk has traveled 150,000 miles, Mayo estimates. It was originally the property of his great grandfather, the late William Mayo, Sr. of Machias, N. r. It consists of a stout frame overlaid with solid cowhide held in place by riveted iron straps. It is considered fit for indefinite further use.

At the meeting of the American Numismatic association in Montreal, Canada, wonderful exhibits of coins were made. One 2ft.x5ft. case contained a complete colection of United States gold except one piece was lacking. It included each date of the gold dollars from 1850 to 1889, Quarter Eagles from 1796 to 1915, Half Eagles from 1795 to 1923, \$3 from 1854 to 1889, Eagles from 1795 to 1922, Double Eagles from 1850 to 1923, Five Eagles and the wonderful Chicago dollar, the U. S. silver dollar of 1804. The case contained 540 gold coins.—Sparks.



Edited by Roy Adair, 1715 Champa, Denver, Colo. Under this heading we will answer all inquiries pertaining to books. Questions and answers of interest to subscribers will be published here each issue. Parties having interesting notes kindly send to the above.

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Here you may range the world with the magic of a Book; plunge into scenes of remote ages and countries, and cheat expectation and solitude of their weary moments.

The Equator, a schooner in which Stevenson cruised the South Seas and on which he wrote some of his best stories, recently sank at the mouth of the Quillagate river, Tacoma, Wash.

It has been said that the autograph letters of Our Late President Harding, will probably be one of the scarcest of the presidents as the type-writer had undoubtedly limited the number of autograph letters.

A program of Sir Henry Irving's first appearance in America brought 382.00 at a recent sale.

The first edition of Herndon and Weiks "Life of Lincoln," 3 vols. 12 mo., cloth, Chicago, no date, sold lately for \$37.00.

The news comes from Omaha that a collector picked up a first edition of Thackery's "Second Funeral of Napoleon," London 1841, worth \$1,000.00 for 10c on a junk table. A few years ago a Boston collector was sure that he had made a similar discovery, which cost him a quarter but learned later that it was a clever facsimile.

Twain's "Jumping Frog," New York, 1867, first issue of the first edition was knocked down for \$115.00 at a recent sale.

The Tirbune primer by Field published in Denver, 1881, with authors autograph changed hands for \$230.00 recently.

James Branch Cabell heads the list of authors whose first editions are most in demand, with Roosevelt second.

The first books written by James Branch Cabell "The Eagles Shadow." First edition is listed at \$30.00.

In 1885 the first edition of Twain's "Jumping Frog" was listed at \$1.25.

A page of manuscript containing three hundred and thirty words written by Thackery brought the unique price of \$525.00 at a New York sale.

Old programs of bygone plays are very much in demand and some bring fancy prices.

We expect to start next issue Allround Collector's Club Society, that we trust to see many thousands of readers before another year is over. So may help to make advancement of your hobby or make your collection better and larger.

Souvenir spoon collectors will be interested in knowing that genuine old Apostle spoons, very popular in the sixteenth century as christening glfts, bring very high prices in auction sales nowadays. The largest sum was \$24,400 for a set of thirteen dating from the time of Henry VIII.

SHORT PARAGRAPHS .- By M. Sorensen.

With the exception of one small private bank at Papeete, Tahiti, the only bank of the colony is the local branch of the Banque de l'Indo-Chine. This is a bank of deposit, discount, and issue. Its note issues constitute virtually the sole circulating medium of exchange of the colony except for small notes issued under the credit of the local chamber of commerce in denominations of less than 5 francs and designed to fill local needs. There is no specie in circulation in the colony except in inconsequential amounts. Silver disappeared from circulation by the late fall of 1919, and far the most part is locked up in vaults and strong boxes, and some of it has found its way out of the colony. Before the recent issue of the chamber of commerce notes the requirements for small change were met by the issuance by anyone so disposed of small tickets of varying denominations, which tickets passed readily from hand to hand where issued by a local trading house or merchant. Ordinary business cards, upon which had been written the French equivalent of "good for one franc," etc., and without signature or stamp, were frequently met with circulating as currency.

The first American gold coinage of eagles, half-eagles and quarter-eagles, of the value of \$10, \$5 and \$2.50, respectively, was placed in circulation in 1795 and 1796. Since that date the United States mints have turned out 117,629,365 double eagles; 49;611,289 eagles, 74,360,570 half-eagles and 15,580,208 quarter-eagles. One and three dollar gold pieces were formerly coined, but have been discontinued.

The first coin called an eagle was used in Ireland in the 13th century, and was so called from the figure of an eagle impressed upon it, but it was made of base metal. The standard of the eagle was borne by the ancient Persians, and the Romans also carried gold and silver eagles as ensigns and sometimes represented them with a thunderbolt in their talons.

Charlemagne adopted the double-headed eagle as the standard of the holy Roman empire. The eagle was the standard of Napoleon I and Napoleon III, and is found in the coat of arms of many countries.

For more than a century United States paper money was counted by hand in the treasury department. Now counting machines are installed.

Bills are fed between revolving rolls and disks, breaking an electric circuit, which releases two flap-doors opening into a rack, into which the bills drop. The counting device is attached to the doors. No count can be done if a bill is not in the machine.

When 99 bills have fallen into the rack, the doors fly up again to receive the hundredth bill, but a mechanical trip prevents their dropping. This is a signal to the operator to put a marker on top of the hundredth bill. The pile of bills is then banded and is ready for circulation.

Bills of three denominations may be counted at one time, the machine having a speed of 35,000 bills a day, as against 15,000 a day, considered the limit of capacity of the most expert hand counters.

When money is scarce, people revert to barter. A farmer in North Dakota was very much in need of a shave and a halr cut, but he had no money. He brought three bushels of oats along to Fargo, and with these he paid the barber for tonsorial services. The oats were valued at 75 cents, which was also the size of the barber's bill.

FIREARMS AND WEAPONS .- By George J. Remsburg, Porterville, Calif.

A brass flint lock pistol, believed to be more than 200 years old, was picked up by a dredge in the Cowlitz river at Longview, Wash., recently and is now in the possession of A. H. Thorndike of that place. The weapon was in perfect condition, except for the wooden stock, which was rotted off. It bears a London dealers name.

Helen Gilchrist, in "Arts and Decoration," has a very entertaining account of the cross-bow or arbalest, under the caption of "The Rifle's Granddaddy."

Thieves recently entered the home of W. H. Hart, near Woodlake, Calif., and stole his favorite old style Marlin rifle. This is the fifth time the gun has been stolen and Mr. Hart feels confident of recovering the weapon.

The barrel of an old revolutionary cannon about 7 feet long was recently unearthed in a swamp on the estate of Bryan R. Door, at Edgewood, Conn. The property belonged formerly to Col. Thomas A. Mead, of Revolutionary war fame, whose old homestead still stands on West Putnam Ave., Boston Post Road. Col. Mead, so the story goes, was annoyed by boys who attempted to steal the cannon, and he hid it in the swamp for safe keeping. The gun carriage is believed to be somewhere near by.

A gold plated automatic pistol worth \$500, loaded with gold bullets at \$10 each, which Charles D. Thomas, banker of New York recently was accused before Magistrate Corrigan of having flourished in a dispute with the owner of a garage over a \$5 repair bill, was said by police to be the "niftiest" weapon they had run across in years.

A machine gun weighing only 8 kilograms, said to be the lightest ever built was recently demonstrated in Rome. It fires 250 shots a minute and is designed to take Italian cartridges. The gun was invented by a Dane named Madsen. The demonstration was witnessed by the Italian naval and military officials and the minister and consul of Denmark. The experiments proved all claims made for the invention.

Col. A. L. Rhodes of Fort Leavenworth, Kans., in a recent address, made the rather startling statement that the giant gun "Big Bertha" used by the Germans to bombard Paris in 1918, has never been seen by anyone other than the Germans who manufactured and named it. There have been supposed photos of it in circulation, the big masonry where it rested has been located and examined, parts of it have come into the hands of the allies, but the actual gun itself has not been seen by anyone save the Germans. When "Big Bertha" sent her projectiles from 72 miles away to the city of Paris, they went 24 miles into the air above the earth's surface, and traveled for three minutes from the time they left the gun until they reached Paris," declared the colonel. "It took the Krupp works in Germany 21/2 years to develop the big gun and build it. The biggest guns the American forces had in Europe during the war were the big naval guns, which would send a projectile about 30 miles. American engineers are now working on a model which will hurl a projectile about 95 miles, but the money is not available now to build such a gun. Big guns and plenty of them, are a military necessity," says Col. Rhodes.

In a community celebration at Anamosa, Iowa, recently, the following interesting old firearms and weapons were among the antiques exhibited: A gun and hunting bag that once belonged to Daniel Webster; a flint lock musket carried by a Redcoat of Lord Cornwallis' army and taken from the British soldier when Cornwallis surrendered to Washington; a gun carried

in the battle of Waterloo; a Confederate gun of 1861; a South Sea Island Bolo; a knife taken from a negro in a raid on the famous old Five Points in New York and many other interesting pieces, all of which are well authenticated.

COIN NOTES.

There have been six changes in the design of the United States half dollar since it was first minted in 1794. In addition to these, however, there have been a few minor changes in these designs, and several commemorative half dollars have been made.

The treasury department says that the head which appears on one dollar bills, series of 1917, has no significance and is not intended for the likeness of any particular person. The designs on paper money are made as complicated as possible in order to prevent counterfeiting. The head referred to was evidently used by the designer to fill in a vacant space.

That bearing the date 1875 is said to be the scarcest United States gold dollar. Mint statistics show the total coinage of these pieces to have been 420 in that year.

An octagonal gold coin called a slug, of the value of \$50, was privately issued in San Francisco during California's early mining days. All other U.S. metal money has been round.

Nearly all the leading countries have at some time in their history repudiated indebtedness. The United States, for Instance, failed to redeem the continental currency.

War Money.

Six months ago one could find in every European stamp paper a dozen or more dealers offering collections of War Money.

Look at these papers now. You hardly will find one or two offers. The reason for this decline is simple. War Money was quickly recognized as

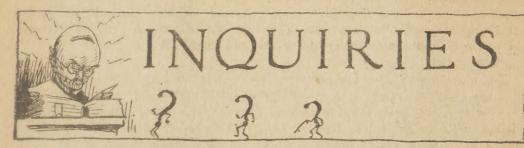
Of Historical and of Rapidly Growing Value and its collecting grew in leaps and bounds. The enormous demand from individuals, educational institutions and historical societies soon outgrew the supply, which had in its wake a scarcity which will increase once the few collections which still are in dealers' hands are disposed of.

A gavel made from the wood of one of the first navel orange trees planted in California has been presented to C. C. Teague, president of the California Fruit Growers' Exchange. It bears this inscription:

"This gavel is hewn from one of the two parent Washington navel orange trees planted at Riverside, California, in 1873. It was transplanted in 1903 by President Roosevelt. In 1922 the tree died and was removed. This variety originated at Bahia, Brazil, in 1820 and was first imported to the United States in 1870."

President Thomas Jefferson was an antiquarian, geologist, botanist, paleontologist, zoologist, astronomer, physicist and engineer. He explored ancient Indian mounds in Virginia and published reports of the same.

George O'Hara, the well known movie star of the "Fighting Blood" series, is collecting pieces of East Indian hammered brass.



It is to your benefit as well as cur, as when not sent thus oftentimes your answer does not reach me in time to be answered in the next issue and is consequently held over a whole month. All questions relative to coins and paper money, curies, minerals, etc., should be sent to the editors of these departments. Owing to the large number of inquiries received it is impossible to get them all into print at once. Each must take its turn. For this reason should you desire a reply at once, we ask that you enclose a stamp and we will reply direct.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Proof coin are no longer struck at our mints. Silver coins can best be prevented from tarnishing by keeping them in envelopes made of specially prepared paper. These can be bought from dealers.

By Centenial 50 cent pieces I presume you mean commemorative coins, and of these we have quite a few. All were issued by the United States Government for celebration and commemoration committees, but none of them ean be gotten at the Mints or Treasury Department. They were all issued to be sold at a stated price above their face value—usually double face value—and none, with the exception of the Columbian half dollar, issued in 1893, may now be had for less. This was our first commemorative coin, issued for the Columbian Exposition at Chicago, and can now be bought for about 75 cents. For the others considerable more than double face value is now charged. A few of the latest issues may still be secured from the issuing committees, while the others can now be secured only through coin dealers. All commemorative coins are legal tender at face value. Here is a list of U. S. commemorative coins to date:

The "Bryan Dollars" were never intended to circulate as money, but were issued solely for political propaganda. There were several issues, in different "denominations" and metals, from coin silver to lead, pewter and other base metals.

L. T. B.: - Which are the largest and smallest coins?

Ans.:—Considering dimensions the old Swedish plate money are the largest pieces of metal struck to circulate as money, while the U. S. \$50.00 gold piece is the coin highest in value. The smallest coin, both in size and value, is probably the Japanese rin, worth 1-20 of our cent. M. S.

L. A. Price, Jamestown, N. Y.:—Please advise me where I can get old Roman coins.

Answer:—Any well supplied coin dealer has them, such as The Elder Coin and Curio Corp., New York, Wm. Hesslein, Boston, Mass., St. Louis Stamp and Coin Co., St. Louis, Mo.

M. S.

Mirs. Anna F. Corbin, Port Byron, N. Y.:—I have some old coins and bank tokens, which I want to sell. Please tell me where I can sell them.

Ans.:—See names of coin dealers above. They will buy your coins if of any value. You will find names of dealers and buyers in the West. Insert a small advertisement there and offer them for sale.

M. S.

NUMISMATIC BOOKS.

Numismatic books have always been more or less scarce in this country because the study of numismatics is comparatively new among us. True, many excellent works have been issued, but the editions have in most cases been small, and as a consequence the books are not in stock; only by chance is it possible to pick up a copy of the standard works. It is therefore very gratifying to notice that new books, treating on numismatic subjects, are being published. Last summer Mr. S. H. Chapman issued a very able and interesting monograph on "The Cents of 1794," finely illustrated with plates of the many varieties of the cent of that year.

At this writing no less than three different books have been written and will shortly be ready from the press. And each promises to become interesting in its field.

"Civil War Tokens and Tradesmen's Cards" will be the title of a book, which is being published by George Hetrick, M. D., and Mr. Julius Guttag. I quote from the Guttag Brothers' Bulletin concerning this:

"Over six thousand varieties of these very interesting coins are listed, and the names of over twelve hundred individuals and towns that issued these during the Civil War, are mentioned. The book contains 16 plates with photographs of over 650 specimens. It is safe to say that there is hardly a collector of American coins who has not some of these interesting coins in his collection, and this book, therefore, should prove of interest to every collector of the American series."

"Fractional Currency of the United States," by D. W. Valentine, will be no less interesting. After ten years' minute study of this subject and examination of all dealers' stocks and all available large collections, Dr. Valentine has completed this work, describing in detail the historic and descriptive list and the classifications of the regular issues ,and for the first time the list of essays, "specimens," and sheets.

"Ye Olde Mint, Its People and Its Operations," a contemplated history, by Mr. Frank H. Stewart, will surely appeal to all collectors because we all want to know the history of our first mint. Sixteen years ago Mr. Stewart purchased the land and buildings of the first mint of the United States. Since the purchase of the property he has been accumulating, to the best of his ability, the data for a history of the mint to fill in the gaps that are of interest to historians and numismatists, especially the latter. The book will contain many reproductions of photographs of historic things and contain over 200 pages, and perhaps 300. If Mr. Stewart can receive advance orders to the extent of 200 copies, the history, compiled largely from manuscript records, will be published. There will be many interesting chapters in this book.

M. S.

"HOBBY" EXHIBITION PLANNED AT COLUMBUS, NEBR.

Public school authorities and Sunday school teachers will co-operate in plan now under way to hold a "hobby" exposition at the Y. M. C. A. Exhibits of articles made or collected by young people of the community will be shown. Included among the exhibits will be samples of girls' handiwork and numerous articles made by boys as well as collections of stamps, curios, war relics, pet animals, birds and fish, and agricultural exhibits.

Like to see and hear of other hobby shows.

NOTES FOR THE COLLECTING NATURALIST AND ARCHAEOLOGIST.

This department is conducted in the interests of collectors of Fossils, Minerals, Rocks, Shells, Insects, Marine Specimens, Birds, Plants and Stone Age Relics and other Natural Science Specimens. Items and clippings (with name of paper) and magazine articles solicited. Allen Jesse Reynolds, Box 178, Connersville, Indiana.

Back again! After an absence of several years, due to ill health and almost loss of eyesight, the writer is glad to return to the ranks of the collectors of natural science and archaeological specimens. Please let us all join together to make this a useful and helpful department.

How about that hike after Indian relics? What did you find? Tell me about it and I'll pass the news on to the readers of the West. I will give five (5) good flint specimens to the writer of the first sketch received—200 to 250 words. A different gift for a different subject will be announced in the next issue.

The Museum of Natural History (New York) reports the purchase of a fine lot of skulls and skeletons of five-horned dinosaurs, obtained in New Mexico by Charles H. Sternberg. Some of the skulls are nearly six feet long.

How about a collection of seeds and nuts? Think of the untold number of varieties, and the world wide field to work in. Think over the matter. Does it appeal to you?

The writer has a well preserved mammoth tooth that was found sometime ago in this (Fayette) county. It was found about four feet below the surface in what was, no doubt, swampy bottom land at one time. The tooth has a grinding surface 8 inches long and 4 inches wide, and weighs over 7 pounds. In this specimen the roots are well preserved. How many of the West readers have mammoth or mastodon teeth? Please let me hear from you.

Osmiridum is a new metal from British New Guinea. It is said to be several times more valuable than gold.

A mummy, perfectly preserved, believed to be that of an Inca chief, has been unearthed from a hill in the province of Salta, Argentina, near the Chilean border. A large number of artistic carvings and art objects of stone, copper, earthenware and onyx were buried with it. The nails, teeth and most of the hair are perfectly preserved, as are the vital organs, according to reports, which would indicate a method of embalming that may be superior even to the Egyptian. The methods used to unite the different parts of the implements, also found in the tomb, suggest handiwork similar to that of the Egyptians.—Indianapolis News.

It is reported that the sea horse is fast becoming extinct. To me the sea horse is one of the most odd creations of Nature's handiwork.

This specimen is too large for our private collections but nevertheless it is interesting to note that a massive native copper nugget, weighing more than three tons, was found in the Copper river region, Alaska. It is said to be the largest chunk of pure metal ever found.

Now, dear reader, help me to make this department both interesting and instructive. The collector should aim to acquire knowledge along with the pleasure of forming his collection. Have you made a discovery of some kind? Send it in. How do you clean fossils? How do you display them? What do you think is the best method of displaying Indian relics? Have you a method by which you keep certain minerals from fading? How do you remove the soft parts from land shells such as Helix alternate, etc.?

What kind of an outfit do you use in taking butterflies? What is your method of catching moths? Do you believe birds' eggs should be collected by every "Tom, Dick and Harry"? Do you believe Indian mound excavations should be left to those who are really experienced along that line? What branch of natural science collecting appeals to you most, and why? How many real gun flints have you found while looking for Indian relics? (I will say here that two is all I have found in over 25 years of collecting.) These questions give you only a slight idea of what interesting subjects can be covered if all of us will contribute something for publication—and don't forget the clippings. Reynolds.

GERMAN MARKS.

The fall of German currency to less than one cent for a million marks is not giving the owners of Russian rubles appreciable joy. Such a demonstration of the worthlessness of the obligations of a going government earries conviction that the Russian bonds are also worth not quite so much as the paper they are printed on.

The "biggest bank robbery in the history of the world" was staged last month in Berlin where Hans Puschker, a Cologne Bank employee, escaped to Holland with a suitcase containing one trillion marks, the pre-war value of which would have been 193 billions of dollars and present value about twenty thousand dollars, as nearly as we are able to compute it. The Central City National Bank's Thrift Message for this month aptly observes that the people who traded good American dollars for German marks some months ago might as well have bought blank paper; all their marks together are now worth much less than the interest their dollars would have earned in a Savings Account.

David Labofsky, sixteen, paid his way in night school with German marks, he told Magistrate McQuade. David made \$3 an hour selling the paper at ten cents the hundred thousand marks.

Evansville, Ind.—Mose Strouse, retail clothier, had on display for several days millions of German marks and Russian rubles that once were valued at more than \$6,500,000. Mr. Strouse purchased the German and Russian money from C. B. Enlow, local banker, who secured the same in New York. The whole amount of money on display was worth about \$1 in American money. Mr. Strouse gave the marks and rubles away as souvenirs.

There has been \$150,950 in \$50 gold pieces minted. These are the Panama Pacific international exposition coins, which were coined in the year 1915.

Memorial medals have been made for each president of the United States since George Washington. They may be purchased from the mint at Philadelphia. An official memorial medal was coined for President Harding. It is sold for \$1.52. On one side appears the face of President Harding and on the other the date of his birth, inauguration and death.

The value of the Russian ruble has been readjusted, and new stamps have appeared. Under the readjustment 1,000,000 rubles of 1921 are equivalent to one ruble of today. In the latest series, the 3-ruble carmine and the 10-ruble gray show each a helmeted soldier; on the 4-ruble brown appears a sailor, and one the 5-ruble blue is a peasant. Other values will soon appear.—Youth's Companion.

EARLY IOWA CURRENCY .- By M. Sorensen.

As it more and more becomes a recognized fact that the private currency, issued by bankers, commercial and transportation companies during the pioneer days of our country, it becomes the duty of every one interested in our pioneer history to contribute his bit toward making this history as complete as possible. I look upon this as a duty because our children will be even more interested than we to know about the pioneers, the difficulties and conditions they labored under when they broke the wilderness and laid the foundation for a great country.

With this point in view the following notes are offered in the hope that they will induce others, perhaps much better posted on this subject than I am, to contribute all they can to the history of early currency in Iowa.

During last summer I spent considerable time trying to find out if there had been any early issues of currency here in Cedar Rapids. The oldest banker here could offer no information beyond that that he did not think there had been any issues here. I rnn down some of the "oldest inhabitants", tried newspaper offices, but without results. Then I went to our libraries. Here I found a "History of Linn County." The chapter on "Banks and Bakers" was written by Seymour D. Carpentér, one of the first bankers of Cedar Rapids, and he has in substance this to say on the subject:

"I think there were no banks of issue in Iowa. Nebraska laws were more favorable. Cook & Sargeant, I believe, were the discoverers of the new field and organized a bank at an obscure town in that territory, named Florence, and very soon currency of the Bank of Florence was in active circulation. To keep abreast of the times, Greene & Weare started a bank at Fontenelle, a still more obscure place in the territory, and bills of the Bank of Fontenelle were greatly in evidence. I do not remember what provisions were made for the redemption of the notes, but imagine that the holders had a pretty tedious journey to get to the place of issue. They, however, did duty as money, made times good, and stimulated speculation."

Greene & Weare were the first bankers here, having started 1852, and the Fontenelle notes are signed by John Weare as President of the bank. These notes are not scarce. There are several of them in the Masonic Library here, and they may rightly be termed an issue for Cedar Rapids. I have seen these notes in denominations of \$1, \$2, \$3 and \$5. The bank was situated at Bellevue, Neb. Specimens of the notes, which I have seen, were dated 1856 and 1857. Mr. Carpenter says that most of the currency in circulation in Iowa in those days was brought in from Wisconsin and Illinois.

Other old notes in the Masonic Library are:

\$3 note, issued by the City of Wapello, Iowa, 1857, bearing interest, and payable at the city treasury. As usual on such old notes, the two last figures are added in pen and ink.

\$1 note, issued by the Dubuque and Western Railroad Co., 1858.

In a copy of "The Cedar Valley Times" of November 5, 1857, in possession of Dr. D. E. Tiffany, this city, are found some interesting items. Indicative that money was scarce and prosperity shying away is the announcement that Angle & Co., operators of a grist mill, "determined not to see the city lag for want of money, have issued "shinplasters" to be redeemed in currency on demand, as a circulating medium."

The editor of the Times, commenting on this, declared it a move in the right direction and expressed the hope that no business man would refuse to accept them for goods that the farmer or merchant might need. The paper, he declared, would take all that was offered on subscription or job work, and would give a 5 per cent premium to delinquents who paid in the paper money.

So far it has been impossible to locate any specimens of this currency.

Mr. Abraham Runkle, an old pioneer at Lisbon, Iowa, recalls the hard times of 1856 to 1860 when money was so scarce, when emigration slowed up and when a man was forced to work at anything to keep the wolf from the door. The script which flooded the coutry after President Buchanan's election in 1856, is comparable to the German mark or the Austrian kronen of today, he says. Even small change was printed in script and it was not until the Civil War began and greenbacks made their appearance as currency that folk began to regain confidence and business to increase.

Besides above mentioned notes, I have records of the following, kindly furnished me by Mr. Nelson T. Torson, Omaha, Nebr., and Mr. Charles Markus, Davenport, Iowa.

Treasury Notes of Lyons City, Iowa, 1858, \$1.00, \$2.00, \$5.00.

Dubuque Central Improvement Co., Dubuque, Iowa, 1858, \$1.00, \$3.00.

Banking House of Baldwin & Dodge, Council Bluffs, Iowa, no date given, \$1.00, \$2.00.

Farmers & Merchants Bank, Ashland, Iowa, 1859, \$3.00.

J. C. Washburn, Davenport, Iowa, 1862, 10 cents, 25 cents.

Isaac Park, Camanche, Iowa, 1850, \$1.00.

Bentonsport, Iowa, 1857, \$2.00, \$5.00.

Burlington Savings Bank, 1857, \$1.00.

Wapello, Iowa, 1857, \$1.00.

These stray notes make no pretence at completeness. It is just a desire on my part to "start something" and try to induce others to contribute what they can to the history of our early currency, not merely of Iowa, but of the surrounding states as well.

The Dubuque Central Improvement Company, Dubuque, Iowa, 1858. \$1.00, \$3.00. The stockholders in this company were individually liable for the payment of these notes; their names were given on the back of the notes.

Treasurer of Iowa City, \$3.00, 1858. This note is very fine and is thought to be scarce.

How to collect though married, Man's most embarrassing moment. Will she give up a Hubby or he a hobby.—Sparks.

GOT A \$3 GOLD PIECE? IT SEEMS VALUABLE IF OF THE RIGHT DATE.

Many people of middle age no doubt have frequently wondered why for many years they have no longer seen any of the \$3 gold pieces which were in active circulation during their younger days and which the United States government discontinued coining in 1889.

A monograph published recently by a Chicago numismatist throws considerable light on the growing scarcity of these interesting coins. It appears that ever since the discontinuation of their coinage there has been a growing demand for them as presentation pieces, due largely to the oddity of the denomination, and there has also been an increasing demand for them on the part of jewelers, who use these and gold dollars which formerly were also quite common in fashioning various articles of adornment, such as bracelets, scarf pins, watch charms, etc.

So eagerly have these gold pieces been sought by those intent on giving something out of the ordinary that for a number of years coin dealers have been paying considerable premium for any desirable specimens, regardless of date.

But it is in the rarer dates, those years in which the coinage was small, and which, consequently, prove of greatest interest to numismatists, that the attraction to collectors lies. Thus the last specimen of the 1875 \$3 gold piece offered at a public coin auction brought over \$1,100. There were only twenty of these coins struck in that year. The dates of 1873 and 1876 are next in rarity with a mintage of twenty-five and forty-five respectively. Next follow the issues of 1877 and 1865.

In 1881 only 550 pieces were struck and this date also is much sought by numismatists, as is also the \$3 coinage of 1858, 1864, 1867, 1871, 1872, 1879, 1880, 1883, 1884 and 1885, all years of comparatively small mintage. The coins struck by the Dahlonega mint in 1854 are very rare, while the \$3 coinage of the Philadelphia and New Orleans mints for the same year is quite common.

The coinage of \$3 pieces was continuous from 1854 to 1889, and the holder of many a presentation piece may be the owner of a numismatic gem whose value he does not realize. Especially is this true as to the 1865 and 1877 dates, where the prices realized are high in proportion to the actual coinage. Few of these dates find their way into the coin markets, the conclusion being that the majority were either lost, destroyed in the arts, remelted at the mints, or are in the possession of owners ignorant as to their numismatic value.—Chicago Tribune.

Mrs. Mary M. Millinger, of Canton, O., has made a collection of 600 pairs of shoes of historic interest, gathered from all parts of the world. She claims to have shoes from every place in the world except the Holy Land.

The most important thing in the world is when you look at a coin, you must think. Why are they here—what is their history? Are they artistic? Looking at a coin is nothing. Thinking is all.

Others—there are many kinds of collectors—judge the age of their specimens by the dust and dirt of the surroundings in which they were purchased.

The best way to bring buyer and seller together -- an ad in this journal.

OHIO NOTES.—By H. Bausinger.

Fourteen stone axes, recently uncovered on a farm in Norway, are declared by experts to be examples of one of the earliest known forms of stone axes, dating from a period 7,000 years ago.

Mrs. Martha Gruber of Marion, Ohio, has had in her possession for twenty-three years a ring given her by her grandmother. The ring has been in the family for six generations and was found in England by Wm. Thew when plowing. In it are engraved the words, "God for me appoint thee." This was an old tyme wedding ring.

The first book published in Ohio was "Maxwell's Code," a law book by the same Wm. Maxwell, who also established the first newspaper in Ohio at Cincinnati in 1793. "This was the Sentinel of the Northwest Territory."

The first precanceled stamps to be issued at the Marion, Ohio, post-office were sold the morning of September 27, 1922, to a Mr. F. A. Stengel.

For those that are deeply interested in trees is a valuable text book by Chas. L. Pack, entitled "Trees as Good Citizens." This can be seen at most any public library.

Dr. Frank Gunsalus of Armour Institute of Technology and Chicago Art Institute, donated his collection of Egyptian clay tablets to Ohio Weslyain University of Delaware, Ohio. Dr. Gunsalus attended this college and was born at Chesterville just north of Delaware.

A gift of approximately \$500,000 has been made by J. H. Wade of Cleveland to the Cleveland Museum of Art. Works of art will be purchased with the interest on the money.

The Bucyrus public library purchased the relic and curio collections of Fleckinger Bros. but many items have since been added by loan and donation. These collections take up the entire second floor.

INDIAN MOUND, SITE OF HARDING SHRINE

Henry Bausinger, who was born and reared at Marion, Ohio, and who knew President. Harding all his life, sends the West an account of the Indian mound at Marion that has been selected as the site of the Harding mausoleum. Mr. Bausinger is familiar with the mound referred to, and thinks it is the ideal place for the Harding memorial. Mr. Bausinger attended President Harding's funeral. His letter to the West follows:

An Indian mound on the east side of the Marion cemetery, seems to be the place where the \$3,000,000 Harding mausoleum will be erected. The crest of this mound overlooks the city in which Prsident Harding rose from obscurity to position and power. This wooded mound covers some two acres of ground and is one of Marion's beauty spots. Here were buried kings of men who inhabited the Ohio valley before the arrival of the white man. This memorial mausoleum will be patterned after the ancient Acropolis of Athens, and its cost will be defrayed by the sale of a special issue of gold dollars or public subscription.

The West is a regular market report, and education on rates to buy and sell.

Poor old dog Tray. One poor coin will spoil a whole exhibit of perfect coins. One bad member will injure a society. "Can the bums."—Sparks.

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 - x3 F Fenech, 234 Strada Reale, Hamrun, Malta.
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 - x1 N. Wrb, 469 Koan St., Bangkok, Siam.
 - x2 S. Smith, Box 5, Cordova, Alaska.
 - x3 S. Sasaki, 25 Chl jodocho, Tokyo, Japan.
 - x4 H. Kana, 761 Punchbowl, Honolulu, Hawaii.
 - x5 C. Woodling, 23 N. 11th St., Alentown, Pa.
 - X6 R. Tyson, 113 Dower Rd., Fulham, London, England.
 - x7 S. Kazuka, Kinsen Kenoku, Corea. x8xx G. Bakalmun Colombo, Ceylon.

RIDES THE SLOWEST HOBBY.

There are various and numerous collections in Kansas City and its environs. They embrace all sorts of subjects, from animals to antiques, but one of the oddest of them is that owned by Charles Veatch, 4112 Walnut street.

Three years ago in the course of a trip through California, Mr. Veatch became interested in shell collecting, and while there accumulated a number of marine shells, coral specimens and star fish. As a result of his research in connection with the subject he was so impressed with the great variety, and consequently the great interest in specimens of snail shells that he decided to collect them.

The mention of snails to the average individual only calls to mind that strange little animal who carries his house about with him, and whose locomotion is so slow that we use his "pace" in odious comparison. However, a view of the hundreds of specimens in this collection convinces one that there is a wonderful variance, as well as an extensive food value attached to this great division of the mollusk family.

Mr. Veatch has now in his possession more than seven hundred different specimens of snail shells, embracing all sizes, shapes and colors, and secured from nearly every section of the inhabited globe. He has snail shells so small that to see their formations and lines it is necessary to use a magnifying glass, while another, which he prizes highly, is a shell from Egypt, accompanied by the "blown" shell of the egg laid by this particular species. It is little known that there is such a thing as an egg-laying snail. There are several varieties however, and this snail lays one as large as a robin's egg, and perfectly white.

"It is indeed surprising," Mr. Veatch says, "the ejaculations of surprise and wonder heard from intelligent people when I tell them that land snails are to be found at all elevations, from the heights of the Alps to sea level, and from the cold climate of Alaska to the Tropical Zone. They seem to think of them only as those small, insignificant specimens to be found in our native state, while as a matter of fact there are specimens in my collection, secured from the depths of the Philippine Island forests, which measure three and three and one-half inches across. Their habitat is in the tall trees and many of them never come down to earth."

New and rare specimens of the snail family are constantly being added to the already long list and Mr. Veatch has had the distinction of having sent to the Smithsonian Institution two specimens which had not been previously identified.—From K. C. Star. See shell ad of Webb of Rochester, N. Y.

Guttag's Circular says: What are you doing to celebrate Coin Week, we are anxious to do our part to make the same a Numismatic Success. We believe we can best do this by placing our service and facilities at the disposal of the various Clubs, Societies, and individual collectors. If we can be of any assistance to you in the arrangement of your exhibits, etc., do not hesitate to call upon us. If you are looking for data or perhaps a special coin which you believe would make your exhibit more interesting write us, and we can assure you we shall do our very best for you. How can we help you?

The ancient old Roman coin looked at the brand new, proof, silver dollar. The dollar returned the glance—and both wondered.

THREE OLD BURIAL URNS UNEARTHED IN CANAL ZONE.

Three burial urns, with human bones in them, were dug up near the top of Ancon Hill in the excavation for the roadway leading to the summit.

Two of them fell to pieces when exposed to the air. The third, and largest, was recovered in fair shape, with only two fairly large pieces broken out, and turned over to O. E. Marstrand, curator of the Panama Canal Museum. Mr. Marstrand took it to the Administration Building and is preparing it for exhibition.

The urn which was taken to the museum is about twenty inches high, and sixteen or eighteen inches through at its greatest diameter. It has a circular opening at the top, about eight luches across, and a short neck ending in a kind of shoulder, from which the diameter increases evenly to its maximum at a point about three-fourths of the way up from the bottom of the urn. From this place the urn tapers to a blunt point, the general outline of the urn being like a fat and ungraceful spinning top. The urn is provided with a lid or top which is bowl-shaped and when placed on the urn forms an upward extension of space. The thickness of the sides of the urn, and of the top, is one-quarter to one-half inch.

It is evident that the dead were reburied in such urns, after the flesh had turned to earth, as it would be impossible to place a coherent cadaver in a vessel of that size. In the urn which was recovered the skull of the occupant was resting on the bottom, with the other bones arranged above it.

The three urns were found close together, about six feet below the surface, and at a point about fifty feet from the summit of the hill. They appeared to be of great antiquity, and much like the burial urns used by the Aztees.

Ancon Hill is near to Panama City.

COIN WEEK-FEBRUARY 9TH TO 16TH.

It has often been said that a collector is born and not made. I'ms may or may not be true, and the thing to do is create an interest, which once aroused will flourish. During Coin Week a campaign for new collectors and new members for the A. N. A. will be held; every collector is invited to become a member of the Campaign Cimmittee. Exhibitions, newspaper articles, informal talks, radio chats, these are a few of the many activities which can and will awaken an interest in Coin Collecting. You may have a better idea, carry it out. If YOU do your part then COIN WEEK will be a Success...

During Coin Week a Junior Numismatic Club will be organized in New York City. Many young collectors have long been waiting for such a Club. and due to the zeal and initiative of a few of them, their wish is now to be realized. The organizers of this Club have requested us to extend a cordial invitation to all Young Boys interested in Coin Collecting. If interested, address either of the following young men from whom full particulars may be obtained:

Mr. Jack Novack, 417 Blake Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Mr. Leroy Fishburne, 1236 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

It affords us much pleasure to make this announcement in behalf of these young collectors. We take this opportunity of extending to them our best wishes for the Success of their venture. If we are to judge from the enthusiasm of these young boys much may be expected of THE JUNIOR NUMISMATIC CLUB.—Guttag Bros. Co. Look up their ad on cover.

SHORT PARAGRAPHS .- By M. Sorensen.

Eventually the body of Warren G. Harding may find a final resting place on the top of an old Indian mound just east of Marion, Ohio, and overlooking the home where he lived for many years and where he made his famous front porch campaign for the presidency.

Close personal friends of the late President have started a movement to that end, and which may include the erection of a suitable mausoleum with money to be derived from the sale of memorial gold dollars—the same plan followed in obtaining money for the memorial to President William McKinley at Niles, O.

How much is a German 1 mark note worth? asks a German paper, and in summing up the problem comes to the conclusion that it has its greatest value as waste paper. The expense of producing a 1 mark note is somewhere between 10 and 20 mark. If sold as waste the notes bring a higher price than their face value. It is stated that several persons in Berlin have discovered this and have started in an entirely new profession. They buy up all the 1 mark notes they can lay their hands on and sell them to junk dealers—and are making a good living out of this venture.

A recent press report states that scholarships in German universities have been wiped out by the collapse of the mark. The usual scholarship of 7,500 marks, before the war providing a full year's tuition, now is insufficient to cover a single car fare to the university. A 30,000 mark prize, given by the Berlin Academy of Science, failed to buy a loaf of bread.

Million mark notes are now in circulation.

At the Iowa state fair, held recently at Des Moines, a vender offered German currenty of the "vampire" design at the rate of 5,000 marks for 10 cents. Purchasers bought the notes as souvenirs and on account of this peculiar feature.

The Government has issued a memorial medal of Warren G. Harding. The medal, in bronze, carries a bas relief of the late president on its face and the dates of his birth, inauguration and death on the reverse side. It was struck at the Philadelphia mint, where all government medals are coined, and is sold to the general public for \$1.52 each, including postage.

Russia has printed so much paper money that the sovlet is six months behind in announcing the total. But from the bolshevik revolution in 1917 up to the first of 1923, over 2 000 000,000,000 paper rubles have come from the printing presses into circulation. To write that out, put down the "2" and follow it with fifteen ciphers. It is over 1,000,000 rubles for every man, woman and child on earth.

Russian currency of the 1923 printing pass at the rate of one ruble for 100,000 of the older issues, which are now exempted from circulation. It is curious that the educated classes still cling to the million term and speak of hundreds of millions whereas the common people speak in terms of hundreds of rubles.

Have an old certificate of entry to a tract of land signed by John Quincy Adams, president of the U.S. Is there any premium on this autograph signature of President Adams? Yours truly, Paul Cawley, Centralia, III.

FORTUNE IN GOLD DOLLARS PURCHASED BY LE ROY MAN.

Caivin F. Clarke of LeRoy has just come into possession of 570 gold dollars, valued at from \$3 to \$150 each.

Although they doubtless have quite a history, the complete story of the coins is lacking. They were discovered by a max who had purchased a small farm in one of the southern states. After occupying the buildings for a time, he decided upon some alterations, and it was while tearing out a partition that he discovered a metal box containing the 570 gold dollars. It is possible that the small fortune was hidden away during the Civil war, perhaps by some soldier who failed to return from the battlefield.

The finder of the hidden treasure was unsuccessful in his efforts to locate anyone who had a legal claim to the coins and, desiring to realize on them, he negotiated the sale to Mr. Ciarke. The coins bear dates from 1849 to 1862.—Sent by Hill Martin.

WORK BOOK OF FRANKLIN FOUND.

Discovery of Benjamin Franklin's "work book" in a dusty attic in Mount Holly, N. J., announced on the eve of the celebration today of "Poor Richard's" birthday, throws interesting light on the early American activities in both public and private life. For one thing, it shows that Franklin printed 1,600 copies of his protest to the English king against the "stamp act."

The ledger, missing for nearly a century, contains accounts of Krankiin's print shop when he was in partnership with David Hali, Scottish printer, and covers eight years, ending in 1766. Collectors consider it an important find and its value is placed at \$12,000.

THE MYSTERY IS REVEALED.

The secret of the discharges in the U. S. Bureau of Engraving is out. Would-be jokers in engraving the doilar of the series of 1917 (which is the most common bill in use) interpolated some things of their own. Look at the upper left hand corner of the bill and you can see plainly a girl's face. The man kneeling in front of Columbus is really looking at the girl. In the lower right hand corner the head of a snake can be seen. This was not in the original drawing. On the back of the bill lettering in the upper left hand corner in the word "One Dollar" is different from that in lower left hand corner although they were meant to be the same. In "E" in the word "one" in the upper right hand corner a cross has been plainly interpolated.—Collector and Advertiser.

LINCOLN LETTERS BRING A BIG SUM.

Philadelphia, Jan. 5.—Two letters written by Abraham Lincoln to his secretary of navy, Gideon Weiles, brought \$1,250 each here yesterday at a public auction of civil war documents. In one of the letters relating to the gunboat Monitor, Lincoln said that he was "decidedly of the opinion that she should not go sky-larking up to Norfolk," for, he wrote, Lieutenant Worden had told him the Monitor could be easily boarded and captured.

BRITISH BUTTERFLIES.

Among recent additions to the National History Museum at South Kensington are some 19,000 moths and butterflies. More than 6,000 are British butterflies; nearly 13,000 are British moths. A collection of beetles, numbering between five and six thousand, was presented by the late Canon Theodore Wood, these also being mostly British.

NEBRASKA NOTES-AN INDIAN MEDAL.

More than one hundred years ago—in 1809—James Madison, fourth president of the United States, made a treaty with seven Indian tribes that dwelt northwest of the Ohio river, in the heart of the Wilderness. To each of the chiefs of these tribes, the Pottawatomies and the Miami clans, the Great Father in Washington sept a token of the compact signed between them. The offering of the chief executive was a heavy silver medal, of fine workmanship, bearing on one side a raised bust of the President and on the other side a design of a pair of clasped hands, beneath the crossed pipes of the white man and the red man—emblems of everlasting peace and friendship.

The medals were worn with much pride, doubtless, by the seven warriors so signally honored, then handed to succeeding generations and finally were mislaid or lost. So far as is known only one has ever been heard from by the government since that time.

Out on the Nebraska prairie a few miles from Fremont, along in the spring of 1868, a settler was breaking the virgin sod on his farm. The plow-share was cutting three inches below the wild grass. As the farmer was walking behind the plow he noticed that a round object was turned up with the grass roots and lay in the sunlight on top of the furrow. He first thought is was a piece of tin and he did not stop his team to examine it. As he came to the place on his next round he picked up the object and found that it could be cleaned readily. It proved to be one of the medals given to Indian chiefs by President Madison in 1809. It is nearly three inches in diameter and one-eighth of an inch in thickness.

The medal was found near a stake where a party of Indians wreaked a terrible vengeance on a cruel young white man in the days of the California gold fever in 1849. A party of about 40 men from Ohio were pushing along the Elkhorn river. A reckless young fellow in the party had boasted that he would shoot the first Indian he met. This he did one afternoon when they suddenly came upon two Indian women sitting upon a log. One of the women was nursing a child. Without a warning the young fellow raised his rifle and shot this woman dead. The other woman screamed and fled.

That night about 200 Indians surrounded the white men and demanded the young fellow. If he was given up, they promised not to hurt the others; otherwise they threatened to kill them all. They tied the fellow to a stake and skinned him alive. Then, true to their word the Indians disappeared in the forest. This happened on the banks of a small stream flowing into the Elkhorn. And from this incident came the name of the stream, the Rawhide.

LINCOLN, NEB., PRINTED OWN CURRENCY DURING EARLY 70'S.

A city currency resembling somewhat the present national currency was printed by the city of Lincoln in the early 70's.

A one dollar bill, serial number 1854, printed for the city currency, bears the date 187—. It is in the archives of the Nebraska State Historical society here.

A. E. Sheldon, head of the historical society, displayed the bill. He was a boy on a farm near Lincoln at the time the city printed the money. Lincoln "attempted to do what Omaha and other American cities had succeeded in doing.

"This city, along with many others was in somewhat bad financial straits, as near as I can remember," Mr. Sheldon said. "They needed more

money to carry on public works, so the city government decided to issue its own currency.

"They planned to redeem it from time to time as taxes accumulated sufficiently, if my memory serves me correctly.

"Then the United States treasury and mint officials objected to the issue, because the bills, as printed, resembled too closely the national currency in circulation at the time.

"The city clerk and officials never signed the bills, and I do not think that any of the money was put in circulation."

The bill has blank lines for the signatures of city officials on one side. Printed in black, on this side is the legend:

"THE CITY OF LINCOLN will pay the bearer

ONE DOLLAR

\$1.00"

At the right, on the same side of the bill, is the draped figure of a woman, apparently gathering lighting from the clouds, or from whose hands the lighting flashes toward the clouds.

On the other side of the bill, in the center of fancy line engraving, is a likeness of Abraham Lincoln and on either side of this is spelled out "One Dollar."

Mr. Sheldon said he did not know whether any paper money other than the dollar bill had been issued by the city.

A newcomer in Lincoln who perhaps sees things more clearly than old residents writes: "I have noticed a particularly thoughtless thing which has perhaps engaged the attention of others who have been loath to speak of it. Meant as a token of respect perhaps the effigy of Abraham Lincoln on our street car tokens is perfectly fitting. However several have been heard to object to the disfigurement of the likeness of Lincoln. While we are not hero worshippers, we do, nevertheless regard it a proper thing to hold in high respect great and good men. If the Traction company must bore a hole through the street car tokens or checks let the company use some other symbol than that of the Great Emancipator. Why not use a likeness of a street-car?"

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COIN NOTES

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The specimen was one of the 15 "Petition" crowns, or 5-shilling pleces, issued in the reign of Charles II. At that time a Dutchman was appointed engraver for a new coinage much to the dismay of Thomas Simon, coin designer of the day. He therefore made an effort to regain his appointment by producing his "Petition" crown, around which he engraved an appeal to the king asking him to compare his work with that of the Dutchman.

OVER QUARTER BILLION COINS MINTED IN 1923.

Washington, D. C.—Mints of the United States coined 254,277,250 pieces of United States new money of a value of \$114,575,080 in 1923, the director of the mint reported today. In addition the mint struck off 4,369,000 pieces for Peru.

Included in the United States coinage for 1923 were 2,268,250 gold double eagles, 56,631,000 silver dollars, 2,452,000 half dollars, 11,076,000 quarters, 56,729,000 dlmes, 41,859,000 nickels and 83,423,000 pennies.

The \$10 United States notes, series of 1880 had on the reverse side an eagle, which, when the bill was turned upside down, showed the outline of a donkey's head. The treasury department has not knowledge as to whether this was done purposely by a disgruntled designer or whether it was simply an accident. However, it is largely a figure of imagination.

Tiny quills of gold dust form the standard of value in the highlands of British Guiana.

The Assay office at Charlotte was established in 1837 and was closed on June 30, 1913, congress having failed to make provision for its support beyond that date. Its equipment was shipped to other institutions of the service. It was discontinued for the reason that the receipts of bullion at that office were insufficient to warrant its continuance. This office was originally established as a coinage mint by the act approved March 3, 1835. The Charlotte office was designed to serve the gold-producing districts of the southern Appalachian region, which at that time comprised the gold-mining territory of the United States. From 1838 until 1861 the Charlotte office coined gold in denominations of half eagles, quarter eagles and dollars, to a total value of \$5,059,188. After the civil war the Assay office at Charlotte was re-established by act of congress dated March 19, 1867, and was maintained until the close of the fiscal year, 1913.

The head on the five dollar bill is not a portrait of any particular chief but is called an idealized or composite head. He is commonly referred to as "One-papa."

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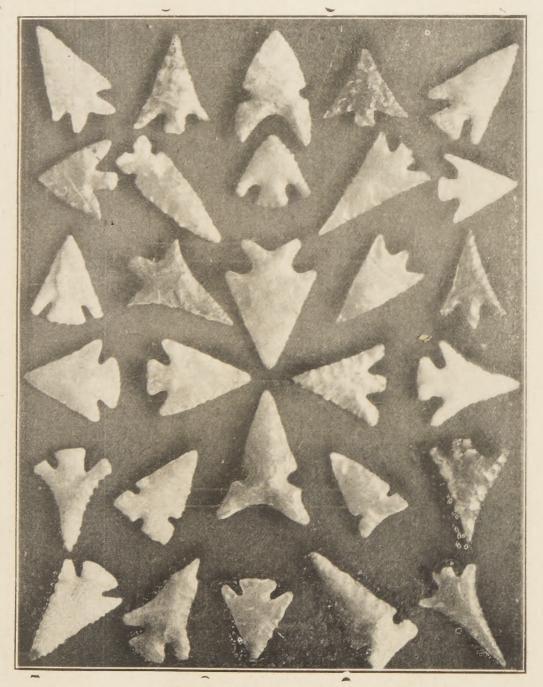
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Looks now be record year of collectors and dealers, we judge by many new subscriptions and renewals, and for back issues never has been so many calls and demands.

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Elwell, Danbury, Conn., says his ads sold all his stamps in first week after WEST came out, cleaned him out of stamps.

Bryant, Platisburg, Mo. WEST is only one of scores I get that I read cover to cover back and forth until it is usually worn out.

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THE ROYAL NUN.

A sad life was that of the young royal nun who died the other day (January 24th) at the Hohenburg Castle, Bavaria, at the age of thirty. We know her on the stamps of Luxemburg as a comely young Grand-Duchess Marie Adelaide, who succeeded to the throne before her eighteenth birthday. Her lot as the ruler of this small neutral state during the war was neither an easy nor a happy one. Her sympathies either lay with or were coerced ever to the German side, while her people had no love for the Boche. Soon after the defeat of the Central Empires, she adbicated in favor of her sister Charlotte, and hied her to a nunnery. Charlotte, too, if we may judge from the stamps, is a beautiful woman, now twenty-eight years of age, and her popularity is undoubted. Out of 91,000 who voted after the war to decide on the political future of the little country, 67,000 plumped for their pretty Grand-Duchess, in preference to anyone else or to any other form of Government. Her Serene Highness married Prince Felix of Bourbon-Parma on November 6, 1919, and on January 6, 1921, there was great rejoicing over the birth of a son, the first baby prince the Grand Duchy had welcomed for many a long day.

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"There seems to be some doubt as to what is represented on the right side of the penny Bahamas stamp; and whilst in a former number of the magazine it is supposed to be some tropical fright, in that for the present month (November, 1863) it is called a shell—certainly a most unmeaning emblem. Now, I am of the opinion that it represents yams. . . . "—"Fentonia," in "The Stamp Collector's Magazine," December 1, 1863.

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TORONTO STAMP COLLECTORS' NOTES .- By William Butler.

The recent discovery of Insulin, a cure for Diabetes by the young Canadian Scientist and winner of the 1928 Nobel prize for Medicine, Captain Frederick G. Banting, M. D., D. Sc., LL. D., B. A., M. C., reminds us that there is more than a remote relation between science and the postage stamp; for while Dr. Banting's status is a British subject has prevented his portrait from appearing on the stamps of Canada, a different precedent has been the case in other countries.

In the new issues of the past few months we see reflected the achievements of Louis Pasteur, Nicolaus Kopernicus and Prince Albert of Monace, all scientists of repute, who, in their various ways, have done valuable work in the advancement of scientific knowledge. They have, at the same time,

covered themselves with a renown which the postage stamp perpetuates, and makes known in the four corners of the earth.

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The name of Pasteur is of an international significance for France's famous chemist, born over one hundred years ago, and the discoverer of the process which bears his name, made more than one important discovery, and his research work and personal life were such that Louis Pasteur well deserves the honor which his country has conferred upon him in creating a messenger which will carry his name and fame to every part of the civilized, and uncivilized world.

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A new stamp of the denomination of one thousand marks from Poland bears a portrait of Nicolaus Kopernicus, a noted Polish astronomer, who was born in 1473, exactly 450 years ago. Shortly before his death, in 1543, he published his experiments demonstrating that the sun is the center of the planetery system, and that the earth and the planets revolve around it; and was, of course, laughed at for his trouble. Since, however, astronomers have confirmed the experiments, and 1923 marks the 450th anniversary of his birth.

Yet another great scientist is commemorated on the postage stamp, namely Prince Albert I, of Monaco, who died recently. His likeness appeared on the regular issues of Monaco, a small principality situated between France and Italy, while on the 50 centimes denomination of the new issue appears the Oceanograph Museum; on the 60c value a view of Monaco from the Observatory is seen; and on the other values the Royal Palace is shown, and the likeness of Prince Louis, who succeeds.

Prince Albert was a man of culture, held many degrees, honorary and otherwise, and made extensive efforts to investigate the mysteries of the deep sea, upon which form of research he spent much money. The Ocean-ograph Museum stands as a monument to the memory of his zeal.

Thus the humble postage stamp "carries on," conveying messages of joy and sorrow, and also of commerce, to every corner of the world as it has done for over three-quarters of a century.

"Lenin" mourning stamps have been issued in Russia and their use has been declared obligatory on all correspondence passing through the Russian mails. The stamps present a nearly full-face portrait of the late dictator in black, enclosed within a heavy black mourning border, outside of which is a heavy red border. The values reported to us are 3, 6, 12 and 20 kopecs, all in the same design and color. They are lithographed on a thin white paper of poor quality, without watermark and without perforation.

Advertisers should note that the mosquito, which does a humming business, is not satisfied with one insertion.

OUR ILLUSTRATIONS.

Milton T. Mauck's stamp business began when he was at the tender age of seven or eight and by rummaging through grandmother's most treasured possessions he came across some old letters with Columbian stamps and others of value upon them. Of course, at that time a Columbian stamp meant no more than a cigar band for which he probably traded some of those stamps. He only remembers this, that he soon disposed of all of her stamps at a great profit—to the other fellow. Some of them he, no doubt, traded for South and Central American reprints of which he was unduly proud. Anyway, that was when he got the philatelic bug or it got him.

His next vivid memory is the first album which he owned, a grimy, much-bethumbed album which had in turn belonged to practically every urchin in the neighborhood and yet there has never been another album just like it. Gradually his perspective widened and experiences increased until he became efficient enought not to get stung more than three times out of four in a stamp deal. Then came the age when girls and other attractions superseded stamp collecting and the old album was banished to a dark corner for quite a while but eventually, when the one girl was finally secured for all time, his thoughts returned to the childhood hobby and the old collection once more saw the light of day. From that day to this, it has never been totally banished again although partially eclipsed at times both by big troubles and "Little Ones."

However, in spite of these diversions, the philatelic bug grew and developed in his mind and he has now reached the stage where even a holiday means just that much more time to fix up approvals and look over the new domestic and foreign lots that have been piling up.

Milton T. Mauck has been interested in stamps since he was a little tacker and has been dealing in them for some years but has only recently gone into it extensively. He has reconstructed his home and made an office from which he conducts his stamp business.

Arthur L. Harvick has been a collector of ancient Indian relics in southern Illinois for forty years and has one of the best collections of any one in that end of the state. He wishes to buy fine specimens from every state in the union to add to his collection and in order to do so will pay liberal cash prices. For reference he refers you to Duns commercial agency that can be seen in any bank in U. S.

HIGH VALUE STAMPS.

Now that Russia, Germany and Danzig have had their fling in producing stamps with an amazing face value, it would appear that Poland is going to take a hand. The latest provisional from "the fair land" is a 50,000m. stamp and this figure is to soon give way for others with an additional array of ciphers. The stamps of a country tell us a good deal and these new provisionals would point to the fact that in Poland business is not as usual.—Philatelic Magazine.

Every boy should, indeed, be encouraged to collect, for it helps him enormously in his studies. The schoolboy collection however, should pave the way for something better, for as one grows one's interests widen, and a knowledge of the world again brings us in close touch with our stamps. Almost every political development is reflected in the stamp album, or awakens an interest in stamps already issued.—Philatelic Magazine.

UNITED STATES REVENUES

There has always been a stalwart band of enthusiasts who have been interested in the Revenue stamps of the United States and, needless to say, across the Atlantic the number of collectors who devote their energies to these issues is legion. One of the best works dealing with U. S. A. Revenues was brought out by Morley in 1905, and this really fine volume also dealt with the Revenues of Mexico and Central America. It is a well-illustrated work, too, and an excellent addition to any philatelic library. This is a point too worth noting. All the Morley publications were very well produced, and much time and trouble was put into the compilation, the idea of producing and bringing from the press a really attractive volume was never lost sight of from the start.

Other works on similar lines to the U. S. A. volume were "The Revenue Stamps of Spain and Colonies" and "The Revenue Stamps of South America," both equally good as books of reference and produced in the same attractive style.—From Philatelic Magazine.

A WOMAN PRESIDENT.

The St. Louis Stamp Collectors Society feel themselves highly honored in having the first lady president of their organization, Miss Lillian M. Brown, who was recently elected to that office. Miss Brown is one of the most ardent collectors of stamps, and while her election is a distinct departure from precedent, all of the members feel that their interests will be well taken care of in her capable hands.

One of the finest collections of stamps in the city is owned by Miss Brown, who is a High School teacher and an artist. She has formed a Stamp Club at her school which boasts of quite a membership and of which she is leader.

As far as we know, this is the first instance where any of the stamp societies in the United States has a woman at the head of it, and we feel sure that were the other societies to look among their ranks, they would in all probability find among their women members the kind of timber from which good presidents are made.—Mekeel's Weekly.

THE NEW COMMEMORATIVE HALF DOLLAR. THE HUGUENOT HALF DOLLAR.

In connection with the celebration of the 300th anniversary of the founding of New York State in May 100,000 commemorative half dollars have been issued. New Netherland and the middle Atlantic states were settled in 1624 by the Walloons, French and Belgian Huguenots. The first colony was founded on the banks of the Hudson river by the Danish West Indies Company.

This coin is very interesting and it is one of our finest commemorative pieces. On the obverse is shown profiles of Admiral Coligny and William the Silent. On the reverse is a picture of the ship New Netherland sailing for America.

This is the second of our commemorative coins to bear the portrait of a foreign monarch, the first one being the Isabella quarter.—M. S.

Rattling thunder and roaring war are not a circumstance to the excitement of getting a new specimen for your collection. Take one and enjoy yourself.—Sparks.

A COLLECTOR'S PARADISE .- By J. G. Sanderson.

The great Muscle Shoals of the Tennessee River is the northern boundary of Lawrence County, Alabama, where the largest water power project in the world, the Wilson Dam, is nearing completion. These famous shoals will develop when the dam is completed, one million horse power. There are at this time 3,000 men employed on this gigantic monolithic undertaking, working in three shifts. Day and night this gray liquid stone is being poured into the immense forms that are gradually forming this gigantic barrier across the roaring, rumbling shoals that was the playground of the prehistoric for countless ages.

Tradition says that Muscle Shoals was so named by the Indians that had lived for untold ages in this favored spot. The waters were so turbulent that only the most powerful of the men could handle the canoe.

On the south bank of the river there is evidence on every hand that the Indians lived there in immense numbers for ages. Their workshops for the manufacture of stone implements can be found in scores of places, while flakes of flint, broken or inferior unfinished objects literally cover the ground and immense mounds of shells dot the bank. Some of them as much as 300 feet across and from ten to fifteen feet high. All of these stand as mute evidence of the great number of those that once gathered the shells as food from the shallow water of the shoals. The river bed is of solid rock and abounds in mussels, periwinkles, and other fresh water crustaceans of which the mounds are constructed.

This is a collector's paradise, as the erosions of the hill sides have left many of the prehistoric crude implements on the surface only waiting to be gathered, and if one has a little surplus energy and money there are a number of burial mounds that have never been touched, where you can explore to your heart's content and stand a good chance to get some fine pottery specimens for your collection. On one occasion I was looking over a field that was situated near one of the largest mounds, and on noticing a large number of pieces of broken pottery, decided to dig some. In less than a foot of the surface I found what I took to be a refuse pit, as it had all kinds of bones, broken pottery, several arrows, broken celts, etc. The bones were all broken as if to get the marrow. There were also many burnt boulders which had evidently been used for cooking. A large number of human bones that had been broken as the animal bones indicated that the one time inhabitants were cannibals. On having the bones examined they were found to be deer, elk, bear, buffalo and human as well as some smaller animals. As these animals have been extinct here for a hundred years, that is most of them, this would give some idea of the age of the deposit, or at least furnish conclusive evidence that it was not recent.

The most of the mounds will soon be buried beneath the lake formed by the Wilson Dam, and the historical matter they contain will be forever lost. What a shame that someone with money as well as an interest will not explore them this summer before it is too late.

I have made every effort to get it done without success. I have appealed to the state as well as the government with little encouragement. While modern progress must march along and this great dam will be a blessing to millions of people, yet it will be a painful sight to me to see the waters as

they gradually creep over these ancient monuments of the aboriginal race of men.

The Tennessee Valley at this point is from seven to ten miles wide, extending back to the mountains. This valley was an ideal place for Indians as it has numerous streams and large springs of clear cool water that even to this day abound with fish. While the forest has entirely disappeared as well as the game of that day yet the mute evidence of that little known race is to be seen in every plowed field. There is not a spring, lake or stream but that you can find arrows and broken pottery, and to one that has the collecting "bug" it is a veritable treasure house for you can stroll over the fields of cotton and always find something to interest you. An arrow, broken ceremonial, bit of pottery with the decoration plainly visible, piles of periwinkles and mussel shells telling of a feast a thousand years ago.

I know of no greater pleasure if one has the interest than to hunt relics. You never get tired for you will have so much to occupy your time. For each thing you find you cannot but wonder at the age it belongs to, vision the man or woman that made it, and for what purpose it was used.

Along the streams in many places there are bluffs or rock shelters that have been used as dwellings or as a place of retreat by the Indians. In one such place I found a skeleton in a perfect state of preservation with a large number of fresh water shells. This is now in the National Museum.

A REMARKABLE FIND.

Remarkable finds of old stamps still come the way of our American cousins, and Philadelphia seems to be a sort of philadelic Klondyke. The latest wonderful piece to be discovered there is a full pane of 100 of the 1 cent blue U. S. stamp of 1851. It is a right hand pane and bears one of the finest examples in stamp No. 99 of the rare Type III., with broken lines at top and bottom. This type is familiar on plate IV. but is not so distant as the one instance of it on the right hand pane of Plate II. This pane of 100 had evidently been bought at the time of its currency, folded twice, and placed between the pages of an old law book. Its recovery at this late date has brought joy to the heart of one Philadelphia stamp hunter.—Stamp Fortnightly.

THE NEXT OLYMPIAD.

So France has at last decided to have a special issue for the Olympic games, and printed in two colors too. Collectors who like a side-line might take up the special stamps which have been issued to commemorate these periodical meetings. Greece has had two innings, but the Belgian series was undoubtedly the most effective production. Germany was to have had an issue in 1916 but there were other games on at the time and the two meetings rather clashed.—Philatelic Magazine.

The handsome sum of \$843.48 has so far been paid out by the ways and means committee of the S. P. A. on back claims against the old sales department. This shows that the society and the committee mean business.

President Rotnem announces the beginning of a membership drive very soon. The S. P. A. has the lowest dues of any international society. The new officers insure the greatest care in the society's management. By next August at the New York convention a big increase in membership is anticipated.—N. R. Hoover, Treasurer S. P. A.

FIRST PHILATELY MEDAL IN AMERICA FOR RESEARCH IN AUSTRALIAN POSTAGE ISSUES.

Charles Lathrop Pack, who has long been an authority on the planting and preserving of trees, has been honored by the Collectors' Club of New York with the first Reward of Merit medal offered in America for research in philately, or stamp collecting.

Most men are content with one hobby. Mr. Pack has two, forestry and postage stamps. While he has not spent so much money in gathering stamps as Arthur Hind of Utica, he is one of the few men in the country who have made a critical study of the postage stamp, its history, its paper and watermarks, the methods of engraving and printing it, and the reasons for those peculiar variations and errors that are so puzzling to collectors and, when discovered, command so high a price. In this respect Mr. Pack ranks with John N. Luff of this city, president of the Collectors' Club and author of an elaborate work on the postage stamps of the United States.

The directors of the club voted, a few days ago, to award the merit medal, which is now being designed, to Mr. Pack for his recent monograph on the first stamp issues of Victoria, Australia, including those with the half-length and the enthroned portraits of Queen Victoria. In England two such awards are offered yearly, and there is a similar one in Germany.

King George a Collector.

Mr. Pack's collection of early Victoria stamps is one of the finest in the world. In the international exhibition in London last May it won the champlonship gold medal for the best collection of British and British Colonial stamps. The only other collection that compares with Mr. Pack's sowned by King George. The king was so much interested in Mr. Pack's work that he sent him for study his entire collection of early Victoria stamps—the first time that such an honor has ever been bestowed upon an American.

More American collectors than were ever before represented in a foreign exhibition sent their collections to the London meeting. Among the medal winners were Arthur Hlnd, Alfred F. Lichtenstein, Representative Ernest R. Ackerman of New Jersey, Edward S. Knapp, John Klemann and Arthur Newton Pack. Their combined collections, valued at more than \$1,000,000, showed strikingly the increasing interest in stamp collecting in this country among those who have outgrown the fitful stamp fever of the schoolboy.

Other prominent collectors here include Colonel E. H. R. Green, William H. Crocker of San Francisco, whose specialty has been early Hawaiian stamps; former Senator Frelinghuysen of New Jersey, Senator Ashhurst of Arizona, Senator Crampton of Michigan, Senator Dallinger of Massachusetts, Admiral O. R. Harris, General Henry Hill Bandholtz, General Charles A. Coolldge, a cousin of the president, who commanded the American forces in the Peking Boxer rebellion; Judge Robert Emerson of Providence and Edward S. Knapp of this city, whose specialty is stamps of the Confederate states.

Besides the King of England, several other members of royalty are devoted to the hobby of philately. King Alphonso of Spain has for many years been a collector of the stamps of his country and of the Spanish colonies. One of the features of the recent auction sales of the Ferrari stamps in Paris was the contest in bidding between the agent of the Spanish King and

Arthur Hind for several rare old Spanish stamps. The king's agent lost the contest, and the stamps came to this country.

King Ahmed Fuad of Egypt is a collector. One of his specialties is the issues of the Confederate States, and a few years ago he purchased the collection of those stamps formed by Gerald S. Curtis of Garrison-on-Hudson, which was one of the best in America. Prince Oscar of Sweden is a prominent philatelist, specializing in Scandinavian stamps. In Austria the most prominent collector is Prince Hohenlohe. His Chilean group is particularly fine.

In England the Marquis of Bute is making a collection of all the stamps issued during and since the European war. It is said he has already spent \$300,000. The Earl of Kintore, the Earl of Kingston and Lord Ranfurly, formerly governor of New Zealand, are among other British collectors.

Many stories are told at the Collectors' Club meetings of unexpected finds made by philatelists in the pursuit of their hobby. It is this phase of collecting that contributes so much zest to the pastime. Charles J. Phillipe, formerly a dealer in London and, since his retirement, a New Yorker, says, "Many a woman has burnt a small fortune when she made a bonfire in the back garden of old correspondence found in the attic. Many a business firm has sent its old papers to the junk shop and thereby destroyed thousands of dollars' worth of valuable old stamps.

"In Philadelphia a few years ago a mass of old papers was obtained by a man who knew something about stamps. Within a short time he sold his purchase for more than \$50,000. The old papers contained quantities of fine early United States issues and, in addition, many important autograph letters. Stanley Gibbons, a London dealer, years ago purchased a sackful of triangular Cape of Good Hope stamps from a pair of sailors. He paid \$25 for the lot and sold the stamps for more than \$3,000. As prices go today, he sold them cheap.

"The king of England obtained one of his greatest rarities, a beautiful copy of the two-penny Post Paid Mauritius, 1847, in a curious manner. The stamp was discovered by an old collector, who found it in his forgotten schoolboy collection. It was purchased by King George for \$7,250.

"In Demerara, British Guiana, a Miss Rose found, several years ago, a pair of the rare 1850 British two-cent stamps. She gave them to her vicar to sell for the benefit of his church. They passed through several hands, and were purchased at last by Arthur Hind for \$15,000.

"I advise any one who has old letters dating from 1847, when the first United States Government issue was made, to about 1870, to look them over carefully. Something of value is almost sure to be found among them."—New York Times.

You can tell stamp collectors that certain stamps are trash and not worthy to be collected, etc. It is no use, because those sort of remarks are not prophetic! We remember many disparaging remarks cast at the U.S. A. Columbian issue of 1893, and the 1897 issue of Guatemala and many others, but who today dare class them as rubbish? Anyway the collector has, does and will please himself; all we can do is to try to guide his steps into the way truth. Editor, you should edit every and all stamps issued regardless of whether you consider them worth while or trash. Leave that to your readers.—Stamp Herald.



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NOTE: A precancel department to function properly requires continual co-operation from its readers. Precancels are being used extensively by cities of all sizes in the United States. Every collector in this country has an opportunity to be the first to notice some new issue that comes from his vicinity. We welcome and appreciate information as to these new series, as well as other notes of an instructive nature from more advanced collectors. When convenient, kindly submit samples of new series, so that the types may be accurately defined.

The question which is bothering precancel collectors is "Why is a Precancel more scarce than an ordinary postage stamp." Suppose that a collector has five 7c stamps; the first is in ordinarily cancelled stamp, the second is a 7c precanceled Chicago, the next a 7c precanceled New York. The precancellation is inverted. The next is a 7c precanceled Winona, Minn.; the fourth is a 7c Bangor, Me. These stamps to a beginner all seem the same; they are all 7c stamps. But there is a vast difference between their values.

For instance the following are the market values of the five stamps:

| 7c | ordinary | cancellation | L | 1c |
|----|----------|--------------|---|----|
| 7c | Chicago, | 11 | *************************************** | 3c |
| | | | | 4c |
| 7c | Winona, | Minn. | 2 | 5e |
| | | | 1 | Бс |

Now why do we have these different valuations? It is because the precancels in the first place are more scarce than the ordinary stamps. Fewer stamps are used in the precanceled form than in their original form. That is why the precanceled Chicago stamp is worth 3c and the ordinary 1c. That is, there are fewer precanceled stamps.

New York City inverted is worth more than Chicago because the 7c N. Y. are printed half normal and half inverted. Although New York is larger than Chicago their precancels appear in two types. Their current type bas not been used as long as the current type of Chicago.

Winona, Minn., is a small town, and fewer Winona precancels are used. than \$5 U.S. stamps throughout the U.S.; 25c is a very fair valuation for it.

Bangor, Me., is a larger industrial town than Winona, Minn., and therefore its precancels are more plentiful. However this precancel is much more scarce than the N. Y. City or Chicago and there is no question but that it is more than 12 times as scarce as the ordinary canceled stamp.

The secret of the whole thing is that precancel is a different stamp from the ordinary postage stamp. The cancellation which has been prefixed prior to its use gives the stamp a distinction which must be respected on a valuation basis.

I am thankful that the many readers who have made inquiries and who have sent me suggestive notes and I should be glad to make a present of 23 all different precancels to any who desires to investigate the hobby further. Merely send me your name and address on a postcard and mention the Philatelic West.

CANADIAN NOTES AND NEWS .- By William Butler.

Penny Postage.—The issuance of a new three-cent stamp in red, in compliance with U. P. U. rules, does not indicate an early return to penny postage unless Parliament, now in session, specially ordains it. The Postmaster-General, Hon. Charles Murphey, K. C., B. A., LL. D., M. P., announced in a recent press statement that his department was prospering and a surplus would result despite the fact that a deficit existed when his party took the effice. This savors highly of political coloring, and since a profit will result why is the "honorable member" so tardy in reducing the present rate? The advantages of penny postage are so well known that Canada should not he little in emulating the example of her sister Dominion, New Zealand.

Sales Tax Abolished.—Chiefly due to the indefatigable efforts of Mr. Edward E. Goodchild, of Montreal, the sales tax of 6% on postage stamps entering Canada has been abolished, for all time, I hope. The tax in question was an injustice to collectors in view of the fact that postage stamps exported out of Canada, for inspection and possible sale are held to be subject to payment of sales tax at the time of importation. This hampered trade greatly and was an inconvenience to collectors and dealers in general. Now, however, collections and stamps and coins enter the Dominion free of duty.

National Society Reorganized.—After a short period of inactivity the Canadian Phllatelic Society has been reorganized with a new and more efficient coterie of officers in charge. Satisfactory progress is being made, and the president, Mr. Fred Jarrett, Box 214, G. P. O., Toronto, has arranged an ambitious program for 1924-25. It is the duty of every Canadian collector to join and "put over" philately in Canada.

Three Cent Carmine.—The new three cent stamp in carmine is now on sale generally, and in this connection it is interesting to learn that this stamp has been issued imperforate by the Philatelic Agency at Ottawa. It is obtainable in blocks of four or more at one time as are the current 1c and 2c perf. 12 by imperforate, and also the 1c, 2c and 3c perf. 8 by imperforate.

Philatelic Agency.—The Philatelic Agency, Postage Stamp Division, Post Office Department, Ottawa, Canada, under the direction of W. J. Glover, has secured additional help and all back orders have now been filled. Mr. Giover reports business as being exceptionally good and increasing monthly. A detailed list of the stamps on sale can be had free on application. The latest list includes stamp booklets, wrappers, cards, stamped envelopes, postage stamps, and precancels, most of which are obtainable at face value.

Cancellations.—It pays to advertise, we are told, and this is probably the reason for the prollic use of advertising cancellations by the Canadian Post-Office Department. That they are 100% effective cannot be denied.

Some of the latest are: London, Ontario, "Insure Your Parcels At The Post Office," in three lines. Halifax, Nova Scotia, "Place Return Address On All Mall," in three lines. Kitchener and St. Catherines, Ontario, "Advise Your Correspondents Of Your Correct Post Office Address," in four lines. Windsor, Ontario, "Use Postal Notes—Good At 10,000 Places in Canada," in three lines. Kingston and Toronto, Ontario, "Address Your Mail to Street and Number," in four lines. Winnipeg, Manitoba, "36th Annual Bonspiel—Winnipeg, Feb. 5-15th, 1924," in four lines. Ottawa, Ontario, "Insure Your

Parcels For Great Britain and Ireland At The Post Office," in five lines; and "Post Office Money Orders Cover The Globe—Use Them," in four lines.

Toronto is using three different advertising cancellations at present, of follows: "Write Often And Keep The Family Together, four lines; and "Place Stamp In Upper Right Hand Corner," and one which has previously been noted. Cancellation collectors wil be interested in that being used by the Post Office at the Parliament Buildings, Toronto. It reads: "House of Assembly P. O. Ontario," with date.

Philatelic Journalism.—The recent discontinuance of the Kingston Stamp News should wake Canadians up to the fact that they are not supporting their own publications as they should. Only a short time ago the British Columbia Stamp Collector was compelled to discontinue because of lack of support and co-operation. This leaves only three papers in the field, namely, the Western Collector, the Stamp Herald, and the newly established Philatelic Standard.

Exhibitions.—The year 1924 will witness a plethora of exhibitions according to reports in the philatelic press. The Yorkton Stamp Club, which held a very successful stamp exhibition and convention at Yorkton, Saskatchewan, last year is contemplating fostering another such exposition this year. The latest information available is that it will be held at Winnipeg with the cooperation of the Winnipeg Stamp Society. Interested parties should write to W. H. Purvis, Yorkton, Saskatchewan, Canada.

Popular Bilingual Cancellations.—Bilingual cancellations are by no means common, so that those originating from the French-Canadian communities of Canada are of more than ordinary interest to the collector. The two following cancellations have been used from Montreal and Quebec respectively, the French on the left of the box and the English on the right: "Ne Metter Pas D' Argent Dans Les Lettres Non Recommandees" (Do not place money in unregistered mail), and "Faites Vos Depots De Bonne Heure Et Profitex Des Expeditions Du Midi" (Mail early and take advantage of midday mails).

Precancel collectors will, no doubt, be interested to learn that they can acquire Canadian precancels for their collections from the Philatelic Agency, Postage Stamp Division, Post Office Department, Ottawa, Canada, at face value. Remittance should be made by Post Office Money Order and return postage and registration should be enclosed, which is 13c for the United States and Mexico, and 14c for Gt. Britain and the Colonies. Other eountries, 20c.

At present the following stamps are available: 1c orange, 2c green, 3c red, 1c green, 2c red, 3c brown, in normal and inverted overprints of the following offices: Brandon, Brantford, Hamilton, Kitchener, Moncton, Montreal, Niagara Falls, Ottawa, Regina, St. John, Toronto, Vancouver, Winnipeg, Woodstock, Halifax, North Battleford, Quedec, Saskatoon, Weston, and the 4c yellow, 5c purple, 7c bistre, and 10c blue of Moncton, Montreal, Peterboro', Victoria and Winnipeg. A detailed list will be sent free on application.

At the present time there are over fifty cities and towns in Canada regularly using precancels, as follows: Charlottetown, Halifax, Truro, Fredericton, Moncton, St. John, Montreal, Quebec, Sherbrooke, Trois-Rivieres (Three Rivers) Aurora, Brantford, Bridgeburg, Brockville, Carleton Place, Chatham, Galt, Guelph, Hamilton, Kingston, Kitchener, Lindsay, London, Niagara Falls, Ottawa, Owen Sound, Paris, Perth, Peterboro', Port Arthur,

St. Thomas, Toronto, Wellesley, Windsor, Welland, Weston, Woodstock, Walkerville, Brandon, Winnipeg, North Battleford, Moose Jaw, Regina, Saskatoon, Calgary, Edmonton, Lethbridge, New Westminster, Vancouver, Prince Albert and Victoria. All are overprinted at Ottawa.

In Toronto, which city probably uses more precancels than any other city in Canada, the following values are precancelled: 1c, 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c, 7c, 10c, 20c, and 50c, all denominations with the exception of the new one dollar stamp. It is likely that it will also be precancelled at an early date. Precancelled stamped envelopes are also issued in the one and two cent denominations, but these are manufactured for large firms with their corner cards printed thereon, and, of course, are not for sale to small users of precancels.

In a recent issue of this paper I made mention of the new one cent orange being precancelled with three pairs of parallel bars instead of the customary "Toronto, Ont." I have since been informed that these are sold to firms, who, for reasons of their own, desire the name of the post office of purchase omitted.

Collectors of these interesting issues can do no better than to obtain a copy of the "Catalogue of Canadian Precancelled Postage Stamps," which covers this field thoroughly. It is obtainable from Frank S. Thompson, 374 Sackville St., Winnipeg, Man., at a cost of fifty cents.

U. S. REVENUES.

Different series of interesting revenue stamps seem to have gained greatly in popularity the past few years and there is now a steady demand for all of the scarce values.

Perhaps some readers may not know that ALL revenues, from the \$30.00 values up to the \$1,000.00 values, are printed in (sheets) strips of 4 stamps vertically, bound in booklet form and that each stamp is consecutively numbered and a record of the purchaser is kept by the government. These strips are perforated only along the left side and between the stamps so that every stamp has either one of two straight edges. None exist perforated on all sides and for that reason no mention of a "straight edge" is made in describing these values, as they exist only that way. These remarks apply to all of the 1917 revenues, documentary, future delivery and stock transfer stamps above the \$20.00 values.—Stamp Facts.

HISTORY IN STAMPS.

Though the stamp collection is a disappolnting part of the Imperial War Museum, being nothing like adequate, the several thousand specimens are historically impressive. On them is printed the history of German ambitions and their fall. There are stamps which tell of an ill-fated Colonial Empire, of the campaign in Mesopotamia, of the new and successful crusade in Palestine, of the romance of Colonel Lawrence in Arabia, of modern countries like Czecho-Slovakia and Jugo-Slavia. There are Red Cross stamps which recall a noble chapter in the tale of war. There are war stamps of Germany, Austria and Turkey; a more representative section than the corresponding one of Great Britain and her Allies. As a stamp album teaches a boy geography, so this national album is for boy and man a clue to a great history,—London Times.

ADVERTISING CANCELLATIONS.—By M. Sorensen.

Calgary, Alta, Canada, in 4 lines: CALGARY WINTER CARNIVAL FEB. 11TH-16TH REDUCED FARES.

Toronto, Ont., Canada, in 4 lines: ROYAL WINTER FAIR—TORONTO—NOV. 20TH TO 28TH.

Same, in 3 lines: HELP THE MUSKOKA HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTIVES.

Durban, Natal, So. Africa, in 3 lines: BUY UNION LOAN CERTIFICATES, and the same slogan in Boer Dutch: KOOP UNION LENINGS CERTIFIKATEN.

With state fairs and the traveling season over, the advertising cancellation has been on the wane for the last few months.

New Rochelle, N. Y., in 4 lines: BUY NOW U. S. GOVERNMENT BONDS (the last line indistinct.)

Salt Lake City, Utah, in 3 lines: MAIL EARLY FOR CHRISTMAS.

Klamath Falls, Oregon, in 6 lines: CRATER LAKE NATIONAL PARK-KLAMATH COUNTY, OREGON.

Melbourne, Australia, in 3 lines: BRITISH EMPIRE EXHIBITION LONDON APRIL 1924 AUSTRALIA'S OPPORTUNITY.

Winnipeg, Man., Canada, in 4 lines: 36TH ANNUAL BONSPIEL WINNIPEG FEB. 3-10, 1924.

Banff, Alta., Canada, in 2 lines with rubber stamp: BANFF WINTER CARNIVAL 2ND TO 9TH FEBRUARY 1924.

JOYS OF COLLECTING.

One of the joys of collecting is that no collection is ever complete. There is always something beyond, always hope of attaining the unattainable. If the number of stamps in the whole world were confined to one thousand and they could all be easily gotten by anybody, nobody would ever bother anything about them. Joy lies in the journey and the journey's end. The only drawback to heaven is that nothing lies beyond.

Your collector is never lonely. Each of the things he collects is a friend to which he can turn with affection and interest. He keeps young in spirit and out of mischief by keeping busy. Folly and disorder lie in wait for the idle mind. Collectors always have something to think about and to interest them.

If you are not a collector of something get a hobby. It means rest for tired nerves; relief from warrying thoughts; rest and change from business or professional problems. Collect anything collectable, but collect something, and find a new source of pleasure that does not pack a headache.—Hyatt Mekeels.

STAMPS FROM STOCKHOLM.

The next congress of the Universal Postal Union meets at Stockholm, and a Philatelic Exhibition has been arranged too. A special exhibition of the wonderful collection of Swedish stamps formed by Baron Erik Leijonhufvud has just been held in the Strandvagen. This was prior to the collection being broken up for sale by Mr. H. Lichtenstein.

Stamp collecting makes men gentle, amiable, fair minded, truthful, benevolent, modest and sober; never a low-down bootlegger or lawbreaker.— Sparks.

A UNITED STATES STAMP HISTORY-Lionel K. Arnold.

The history of the United States may be very well illustrated by its postage stamps. These illustrations are of course small in size but still very fine illustrations of the engraving art. The purpose of this article is to briefly outline that portion of the history which these engravings directly illustrate.

The history of the United States very properly begins with the discovery of America by Columbus. Columbus (Portrait of Columbus \$5, 1893 Columbian issue) better educated and with greater vision than the average navigator of the fifteenth century, became imbued with the idea of sailing across the Atlantic to the Indies. He appealed to the Spanish sovereigns and finally was about to proceed to some other country for help when he was called back to the court from the monastary et La Robida (30c Columbus at La Rabida) where he was with his son. His cause was again presented to the queen (5c Columbus Soliciting Aid from Isabelle and the money borrowed by the queen (\$4 Portraits of Columbus and Isabelle) on her own security (\$1 Isabelle Pledging her jewels) he was fitted out with a little fleet (4c Fleet of Columbus) of three ships, the flagship of which was the Santa Maria (3c Flagship of Columbus) a little ship of approximately two hundred tons. The fleet set sail August 3, 1492, and on October 11th came in sight of land (1c Columbus in Sight of Land). After landing here (2c Landing of Columbus) he re-embarked, landing again at Cuba. He returned to Spain announcing his discovery (15c Columbus Announcing his Discovery) and presenting to the queen several natives (10c Columbus Presenting the Natives). It was now an easy matter to secure funds for additional voyages of which he made three (Columbus Describing his Third Voyage \$3). His life had its sorrows, for in 1500 he was imprisoned (\$2 Columbus in Chains) charged with malfeasance but, due to his popularity he was released (8c Columbus Restored to Favor) by the queen.

Columbus was followed by many Spanish explorers. One of these Balboa (Balboa 1c, Panama-Pacific Issue 1912-13) in 1513 crossed the Isthmus of Panama and discovered the Pacific Ocean. By 1763 Golden Gate (5c Golden Gate) and San Francisco Bay (10c Discovery of San Francisco Bay) had been discovered. The French exploring in Canada in 1675 under Father Warquette penetrated to the Mississippi river (Marquette on the Mississippi, 1c Trans-Mississippi Issue 1898).

The first of the early settlements of the English in what is now United States is commemorated by the stamps of the Jamestown Exposition Issue (1907). As the result of successive attempts a colony was established at Jamestown (2c Founding of Jamestown) with Captain John Smith (1c Captain John Smith) as the leading spirit. The story of Pocahontas saving the life of John Smith which is familiar to every American is recalled by the 5c stamp (5c Pocahontas). The establishment in 1620 by the Pilgrims (Landing of the Pilgrims, 2c 1920 Pilgrim Tercentenary Issue) from the Mayflower (1c Mayflower) of the colony in what now is Massachusetts is the next step in our country's growth. The Mayflower Compact (5c, Signing of the Compact) represents probably the first attempt at democratic government in the United States.

In 1776 came the Declaration of Independence of the colonies (Declaration of Independence 2c, 1869). At the same time a committee was appointed

to design a coat or arms to symbolize the new republic. This was finally adopted in 1782 (Coat of Arms 1869—30c). The revolution is represented by great names such as George Washington (2c many issues, also 3c and others) commander-in-chief of the army and first president, Martha Washington (1922—4c) wife of the president, Franklin (1c, many issues) the great revolutionary journalist, Jefferson (1890—30c), first secretary of state and later president, and Marshall (1892—\$5) later secretary of state and chief justice.

The administration of Jefferson (2c Louisiana Purchase Issue) is justly remembered for the purchase of Louisiana (10c Map) negotiated by Livingston (1c Livingston) United States representative at Paris, and Monroe (3c Monroe) special envoy. Another event was the building of the first successful steamship, the Clermont, by Fulton (2c 1909 Hudson-Fulton Celebration Issue) launched in 1807 on the Hudson river.

The war of 1812-14 is represented by the president Madison (1894) and the popular naval commander Perry (1890—90c). The portraits of the presidents Monroe (1922—10c), Jackson (1890—3c), Harrison (1902—13c), Taylor (1875—5c) and those great leaders, Clay (1890—15c), Webster (1890—10c) and Calhoun () bring us to the Civil War. Great names of the war are commemorated such as President Lincoln (1890—4c, 1909 Memorial 2c, etc.), General and later President Grant (1890—5c), Admiral Farragut (1902—\$1), General Sherman (1890—8c) and Secretary of War Stanton (1870—7c). President Johnson's administration will be remembered for one event at least—the purchase of Alaska. This was negotiated by Seward (Alaska-Yukon Exposition Issue 1909 2c) the secretary of state.

The development of the great west is admirably illustrated on the stamps. The explorations of Fremont in 1846 (1898 Trans-Mississippi 5c Fremont on the Rocky Mountains), the gold rush (50c Western Mining Prospector), the Indians (Indians Hunting Buffalo 4c, American Indian 1922 14c, Bison 1922 30c) and the wild character of the period are (Troops Guarding Train 8c Trans-Mississippi) vividly portrayed. The emigration and its hardships (Hardships of Emigration 10c) with its triumph in the settlement of the west to a prosperous farm country (Farming in the West 2c, Western Cattle in a Storm \$1) are also shown.

The portraits of Hayes (11c 1922), Garfield (6c 1922), Harrison (1902), Cleveland, 1922 12c) and McKinley (1922-7c) bring us the presidents of the succeeding years. We remember Roosevelt's administration (5c 1922) because of the great Panama Canal (Panama-Pacific Issue 1912-2c).

The development of our country is shown in a series of scenes such as Fast Lake Navigation (Pan-American Issue 1901 1c), Fast Express (2c), Automobile (4c), Bridge at Niagara Falls (5c), Fast Ocean Navigation (10c), Mississippi River Bridge (\$2 Trans-Mississippi 1898) and Canal Locks at Sault Ste. Marie (8c Pan-American).

An interesting group of industries shown are manufacturing (Parcel Post 25c), dairying (30c), harvesting (75c) and fruit growing (\$1). The post office department itself is illustrated by pictures of postoffice clerk (1c), city carrier (2c), railway postal clerk (3c), rural carrier (4c), mail train (5c), steam ship and mail tender (10c), automobile mail service (15c) and aeroplane carrying mail (20c). Scenery is not as prominent as in some countries but includes in addition to that already mentioned Niagara Falls

(1922 25c) and Golden Gate (20c), Statue of Liberty (15c), Arlington Amphitheater (50c), and U. S. Capitol.

The beautiful Lincoln Memorial in Washington dedicated May 30, 1922, is given a place on our stamps (\$1 1922). The well known memorial stamp of President Harding forms a partial expression of the nation's sorrow at his death (2c Harding Memorial Issue 1922).

It is significant that in this partial history of the United States as portrayed on its stamps that no prominence is given to war and very little to military men but the great emphasis is given to great statesmen, great discoveries and great industries of the country.

PHILATELIC PHILANTHROPY.

With the avowed intention of raising cash a series of commemoratives was ordered for St. Kitts-Nevis late in 1922, and these, to the value of about £15,000, were received from the Crown Agents in due course. The design showed a view of Old Road Bay with Mount Misery in the background, and the XVII. Century ship which brought Sir Thomas Warner and colonists to the island three hundred years ago. This tercentenary issue was placed on sale in January, 1923, and was at first used concurrently with the previous definitive issue. The speculation was, however, not all that was expected, and now we are informed that the remainder, amounting to some £10,000 face value, is to be destroyed. Who pays for all this and why should these special issues receive the sanction of the Colonial Governer responsible for the general welfare of the colony? Why the unsold remainder should be consigned to the flames is a mystery, for surely the stamps could be put to use just as readily as the ordinary issue which is now franking correspondence from the enlightened inhabitants of the island.—Philatelic Magazine.

AN INTERESTING RECORD.

The "Echo de la Timbrologie" contains a graph showing the relative number of stamps issued each year since 1881. The line is a jumpy one. In 1881 it was somewhere under 400, in 1888 down to about 300; while in 1890 it whizzed up to 800, over 900 in 1900, down wallop to 550 in 1901, and up to 1200 in 1903. Back to 600 in 1907, the next high point is 1300 in the memorable year 1914. Then there was a falling-off until the Armistice year 1918. The graph is scarcely big enough to show the giddy heights of 1919 (2547) and 1920 (2600), falling back to 1900 in 1921, but up to 2300 in 1922. The figure for 1923 is shown at 1950, but I rather think 1923 did some better (or worse) than that. My impression was that 1923 was not far behind 1922.

THE TWO ANTIGUAS.

Stamps and stamp collecting as an aid to geography and general knowledge is a familiar enough axiom. Then what about the two Antiguas; one is familiar to all collectors, but the Antigua depicted on the 25c brown of Guatemala is not so well known. The palace of Antigua, with its unique buildings in Central America, and is seen to some advantage on the stamp which made its appearance last year.—Philatelic Magazine.

Some collectors are selfish and overbearing to their associates. They spend hours mending a lot of poor stamps. But the tell-tail marks of their wickedness still show that parts of several stamps produce their sophistications.—Sparks.

REVENUE STAMPS .- By Oscar T. Hartmann.

MONEY; money is perhaps one of the reasons that in the past revenues were sidetracked as a hobby for intense collecting. People as a rule do not like taxes, and revenue stamps are generally a receipt for payment to keep the wheels of a Government, State of Municipality well greased to meet necessary obligations, or not.

In the 70s you could see offers of revenues, but the ever increasing numbers of postage, often the symbol of a love message, sidetracked revenue stamps, as it was done with envelopes and postcards, until the recent flood of postage, created through the world's upheaval, also men collecting postage stamps with the ever increasing cost and hording of better class of stamps commence to look for sidelines, gathering more adherents every day. What is a hobby anyway? To pass your time, and rest your mind of day's worries. Desultory collecting of revenues never stopped. Here and there you find a party who has an immence collection of revenues, but in the last 5 to 8 years the impetus has gained. The days that I could exchange, a 10 to 1 shot, postage for revenues are gone.

Of course, there is a standard of value. Nearly as many common revenues as postage exist, and revenues, which should be listed as R. R. R. can be found, if the demand was there. A serious drawback is that only few catalogues exist, giving prices. Handbooks are of little use to the average collector. He wants to know the price without being stung. He is not inclined to hunt for the values, or become an expert on the economic life of a nation, and how the taxes are applied, and for what purpose, and what percentage to sift out the standard of rarity. Nevertheless a great field for the specialist. Duration and change of rates are synonymous to the postage stamp in their comparative value. There are, however, two factors in which revenues differ from postage. First: That revenues do not come into the market immediately. It is easier to get revenues of 10 to 30 years ago than those of today. In job lots, you find them, but the real old ones, sorry to say, have disappeared, mostly destroyed.

Second: That very little distinction is made between used or new. As long as a revenue has to remain on its respective document, it matters little if it is cancelled or not. New issues will have come into use to take its place. If somebody is foolhardy, or brave enough to collect unused revenues, they must be O. G., without a mark on the back, that they have been jumped of the paper. Cheaper O. G. are found today, mostly remainders, but the hard boiled collector, who must have all O. G. will by necessity be a billionaire (not Marks), collect as a sideline non-taxable bonds, to be willing to buy a 100,000 pesos, gold value, revenue of Argentine, a \$1,000 U. S. revenue, or a 500 pounds New Zealand. But who can tell, may be a good investment after all, but as a sideline become also a chemist, well versed in all different glues, sweet potato or Norwegian fish glue, so he can tell if the gum is O. G., or only applied by a friendly stamp dealer. The discovery or removal of ink has become easy, as photography detects it, and he can leave it to his second or third steno in affection to attend to it.

Some countries are eminent in the prolific issue of postage, but there is no country which can equal Argentina. In the last catalogue this country covers over 100 pages of revenues and easily leads with over 20,000 revenues to its credit. I believe there is a superhuman in San Francisco, who tries to get a complete collection. Brazil is progressing fairly well as to numbers.

Mexico is well advertised. Many collectors like the varied issue. Our U. S. In not so slow either, as the pro rated table shows that we pay no taxes worth while. Ten albums would hardly hold all the different issues. I mean one of each issue, not all issued. The average collector thinks only of the documentary stamps listed. The M. & M. tax paids, and State revenues, older recent, cover an immense field. Way down in Uruguay they issued a set of revenues of 37 stamps quarterly for over 20 years; 148 a year, multiplied by 20, how many? Some rare birds among them. On the other hand tosta Rica, Chile and Honduras have only a few.

The only commemorative revenue stamp I know of at hand is the 50c of Mexico, 1911. Many queer, special issues exist. I will only mention the sombrero tax of Argentlna. A guarantee tax of the analytical laboratory of Gruguay. Halifax, Canada law library. Peru has a baggage tax. And a clder tax for Cuba evidently issued to prefer something stronger. Some of the Argentina issues are very limited, for instance the draft stamps of 60, 70, 30, 90 and 100 pesos of 1887. Only 30 of each have been issued. Some of the U. S. Porto Rico are very limited.

Outstanding reasons why revenues should be of interest are: No counterfeits to speak of; no unnecessary issues; very little use for the perforation gauge; and no difference for the ordinary collector of used or not. In fact they are not listed that way.

Following the line of least resistance, I went into the great unknown, discarding the hobby for revenues. Have I made money? No. Do I regret it? No. I am satisfied and that is the main point of a hobby. If you are satisfied, no matter if it is precancels (by the way you should include Mexican state names surcharges), blocks of four, etc.

Whose concern it is? I wish you all to ride your hobby for many years to come.

The last five and twenty years have witnessed few more remarkable developments in human interest than the interest in philately. What, in the closing decade of last century, was regarded as the temporary hobby of a school-boy, is recognized today as a pursuit with many sides, and worthy of the regard of men whose ability has claimed for them success in learned professions and in commercial pursuits. Stamp collecting was tolerated then because it helped to keep a child out of mischief; now it is appreciated as an occupation that opens avenues of serious study and artistic delight to every age and nation.

The tendency of the times is to specialize. By this I don't mean that collectors are bringing collecting down to an abstruce science, but that they are aware of the fact that they are collecting stamps for the recreation or "fun of the thing." It is all very well to give advice what to collect. Advice costs nothing and apparently is worth less, because after all collectors please themselves as they should do. We have enquired of quite a few why they collect this or the other country or period of stamp emissions, and some are curious. One man sald "My son was born in 1911. Therefore I am collecting stamps from that date only." Another: "As a youngster, I had a vision of a pre-existence in Egypt, therefore I collect Egyptian stamps." Yet another: "I have some friends in Nicaragua and propose to stick to her."—Stamp Herald.

NOTES ON THE STAMPS OF NORWAY .- From Postage Stamp.

Christiania, the modern capital of Norway, was founded by Christian IV.. who started building it in 1624, after the destruction by fire of the ancient city of Osto. During the coming year this beautifully situated city celebrates it tercentenary, and among other commemorative plans, the Christiania Philatelic Club is organizing an International Exhibition to be held from September 19th to 28th inclusive. The exhibition will coincide approximately with the seventieth year of the postage stamp era in Norway, and in most respects this country's stamp issues during this long period claim the highest respect and interest of philatelists. They have been entirely free from the suspicion of catering to the philatelic demand for novelty, yet they innocently provide some of the most complex studies to be met with in European philately.

The first simple stamp, typographed in Christiania by Mr. Wulfsbers from a design by Herr Zarbell in 1854, bore the Norwegian shield, gules, a lion rampant, imperially crowned, holding in its paws a battle-axe, argent. The lion with the battle-axe figures also in the watermark. The inscription followed the British precedent, in that they did not include the name of the country of origin, only the word "frimaerke" (free stamp) and the value "4 skilling." This one denomination, of face value about 4 cents in our money (120 skilling equals 1 rixdaler equals about \$1.00). was for prepaying postage on inland letters of the unit of weight, 1 lod, irrespective of distance, a rate established by decree of July, 1854. The stamp does not appear to have come into use until the following January, and no provision for the use of the stamps for prepayment of foreign letters was made until February, 1855.

The first 4-skilling stamp of Norway is not scarce used, in which condition it has risen recently owing to intensive specialization to \$4 in the catalogue; unused it is priced at \$40. A very scarce variety of it exists with an alleged "double foot" to the lion. This double-foot effect has been caused by a small flaw on the plate near the right hand leg of the lion, and probably only occurred once on each sheet of 200 stamps.

In 1855 negotiations were concluded with Denmark, Prussia, France, the United Kingdom, and several other countries for the use of the stamps in prepaying letters to those countries, and at that date the unit letter rate to England required the use of nine of these 4-skilling stamps.

Norwegian Stamps Made in Sweden.

In 1856 a more ambitious series of stamps was inaugurated, designed by P. A. Nyman, and lithographed at Stockholm under the direction of the Swedish Government. The design follows rather closely M. Barre's famous original for the Ceres and Napoleon issues of France, and the effigy is that of King Oscar I. The stamps were typographed on plain paper, without a special watermark for each stamp, though the heraldic lion figures in a marginal watermark not intended to be covered by the impression. There were four denominations, viz., 2-skilling yellow, 3-skilling lilac, 4-skilling blue, and 8-skilling lake. These were all issued with a perforation gauging thirteen, but the 4-skilling is known imperforate.

For some years after the accession of King Charles XV, the Norwegian stamps remained unchanged, but the authorities were experimenting with a view to getting the stamps printed in Norway in preference to Sweden, and in 1862 the stamp contract was given to Schwenzen's lithographic establishment in Christiania, and for design they reverted to the heraldic

device instead of the royal portrait. The shield is as before, but, in addition, below it are wheat ears, and it is no longer enclosed within a circular frame. The name "Norge" appears at the top, the word "frimaerke" at each side, and the value abbreviated to "2-skill" below. The same values were repeated in similar colors except for the 8-skilling, now in rose-pink, and a 24-skilling denomination was added, printed in brown. The stamps were perforated by a machine obtained from England, the perforations measuring 14½ by 13½. This issue provides a good deal of the interest sought for by the specialist, due chiefly to the method of making up the lithographic transfers and stones.

In 1867 the production of the stamps was entrusted to another Christiania firm, Messrs. Petersen, whose stamps are of similar design, but with a ground of vertical lines (instead of crossed lines), different lettering, particularly for the expression of the value, and the figure of value is repeated on the Petersen stamps twice—thus "2 Skill 2." The values in this group are printed from electrotype plates, and comprise the 1 skilling black, 2 skilling buff, 3 skilling lilac, 4 skilling blue, and 8 skilling rose.

The Post-Horn Design.

With the next issue of Norwegian stamps, which practically coincides with the beginning of the reign of Oscar II., there was introduced the familiar post-horn design for the stamps, originally designed by Lieut.-Colonel Broch, and printed for a number of years by the Petersens, but latterly by other concerns in Christiania. This design is almost monotonously persistent throughout the remaining forty-odd years, though its minor variations provide complications enough for the specialist in Norwegian issues.

The high-value stamps, after the treaty of October 16, 1875, when Norway adopted the same monetary system as Sweden and Denmark (100 ore—1 krone—1s. 1½d.), introduced the royal portrait again, the krone values from 1878 showing the efflgy of King Oscar II., and since the repeal of the union with Sweden (October 26, 1905) they have borne the portrait of King Haakon VII.

The year 1914 was one of historic memories for the kingdom of Norway, and the Post Office Department joined in the celebrations by issuing the first Norwegian commemorative stamps. Three stamps of the pictorial kind, produced by the recess-plate method, were issued on May 1, 1914, to mark the centenary of the political severance of Norway from Denmark. The stamps are of the large horizontal type, which came into vogue for the commemorative class of stamp with the Columbus issue of United States stamps in 1893. The frame is an irregularly outlined rectangle, with a reticulated border, and the vignette in the center is a wonderful miniature engraving of a picture by the Norwegian historical painter, Oscar Wergeland, the subject of which is the National Assembly at Eidsvold, 1814. The inscriptions on the stamp are short but adequate, and do not crowd the device, the figure of value 5 (ore), and the name Norge being prominent; there are also in small lettering the word post and the dates 1814-1914. The 5 ore is green, and the other values are 10 ore red and 20 ore blue.

In 1922 a single stamp of a new and striking type in white on a colored ground, the 20 ore purple, appeared.

Postage due stamps were issued in Norway in 1889, printed by Trondsen at the Central Printing Works, Christiania. They were inscribed "at betale,"

but during the present year some values have been issued in a similar type, inscribed "A betale."

A curious and little-known class of stamps are Norway's returned-letter stamps. These are of two kinds—one inscribed as in our illustration, "Ubesorget," for use on letters which have not been delivered, and the other "uindlost," for use on letters which have not been called for.

A few years ago Dr. Justus Anderssen and Mr. Henrik Dethloff published their important monograph in Norwegian entitled "Norges Frimerker, 1855—1914." This is now being translated into English for serial publication in "The Stamp Lover." All students of Norwegian stamps will be glad to know that this, the most authoritative comprehensive study of these stamps, is to be made available to English readers through the courtesy of the authors and the enterprise of the Junior Philatelic Society.

Canada has new three cent red on cover. They are in general use now and were first issued in December.

New postmarks are:—"Send Your Money By Post Office Money Order,"
4 lines from Brandon, Manitoba; "Insure Your Parcels at the Post Office,
3 lines from London, Ontario; "Use Postal Notes—Good at 10,000 places in
Canada," 3 lines from Windsor, Onttario; "Address Your Mail to Street &
Number," 4 lines from Kingston, Ont.; "36th Annual Bonspiel—Winnipeg,
Feb. 5—15th, 1924," 4 lines from Winnipeg, Manitoba; "Advise Your Correspondents of Your Correct Post Office Address," 4 lines from St. Catherines
and Kitchener, Ontario.

WILLIAM BUTLER.

PHIL-ANTI-LONELY.

A correspondent of the "Daily Mirror," who signs himself "Never Lonely," writes: If a man has any tastes or hobbies he should never be really lonely. He must sift his mind, and find that which will amuse him and hold his attention without aid from others, . ." "Never Lonely" is a fortunate person if he lives up to his epistolary subscription. We assume he is a philatelist; certainly he has views of a pronounced philatelic flavor, and is fully alive to the fact that no stamp lover can be really lonely.

NORWEGIAN STAMP EXHIBITION.

Mr. A. G. Johnson, president of the Christiania Phil. Club, has been elected chairman of the organizing committee for the Norwegian Philatelic Exhibition, to open at Christiania on the 19th of September, 1924. The jury includes Henrik Dethloff (Norway) F. J. Melville (Great Britain), Dr. H. Munk (Germany), Nils Strandell (Sweden) and Lt.-Col. Ramsing (Denmark).

COLLECTION DAMAGED.

A rare collection of books and manuscripts, including letters of George Washington, Aaron Burr and Benjamin Franklin, gathered for the past 30 years by Recorder Harold E. Pickersgill, was damaged at Perth Amboy, N. J., Recently when fire swept through the Dana building, causing losses estimated at one hundred thousand dollars.

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—Sparks.



Stamps are the open sesame to the wonderland of history, legend, geography and the study of mankind.

What to do at a stamp-meeting. Get acquainted with your neighbor; you might like him.

As nearly all countries are changing the color of their 1 cent stamp to yellow, we wonder if there will not soon be some changes in colors of the U. S. stamps.

Personal experiences and letters about your collection or hobby are solicited

I have an envelope with 750 billion marks. The back is covered with stamps, and so is the front with the exception of a small space left for the address.—John Kay. Can you beat it?

The remainder of the St. Kitts-Nevis Tercentenary issue, about £10,000 face value, are to be burned. Less than half this amount was sold, and the previous issue of the double-medallion type was brought into use last month.

Philatelists should conduct publicity campaigns in their respective localities, maintaining that newspapers will gladly use such material as may be furnished them.

New Zealand has returned to the pre-war rate of 1-penny Universal Postage on letters and a new red stamp of that denomination has just been issued bearing a map of the islands comprising her dominion.

The philatelist of today is a citizen of the world, a traveller in strange lands, a seeker for hidden treasure in remote places.

One of the reasons why King Solomon got a reputation for wisdom was that he never had to act as judge at a stamp collection.

The government places postage stamps on mail sent to all countries except Canada, Cuba and Mexico.

Zero weather has its compensations for the collector as philately is the best indoor sport of them all.

The first printing of the Harding memorial stamp consisted of 300 million copies, the second of the same number, whilst a third order for a billion has been placed. No one can call that speculative.

WEST can find your REAL advertising story, and Tell it, and Sell it.

Collectors are about equally divided between those who favor the new, uncanceled stamp and those who prefer the cancelled. Perforations, water marks, for which there are special detectors and other characteristics, as well as tiny blemishes, all determine a stamp's value.

Unless in company with a kindred spirit, the stamp collector will lie low about his hobby, and let folk imagine he does nothing in particular in his idle hours.

Not where you start but where you land is how to measure success in all collecting and in dealing. To land somewhere worth while, you not only have to keep your landing place before you but you have to strive towards it.

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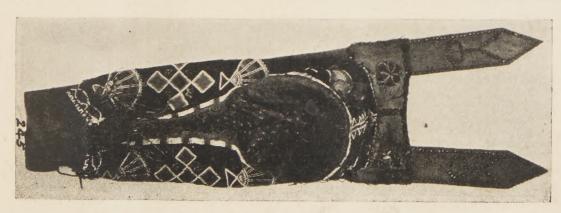


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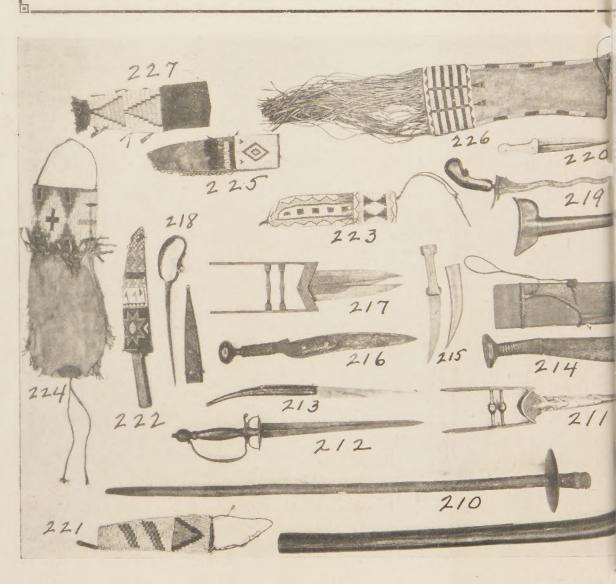
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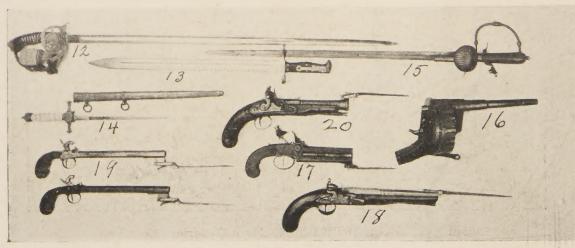
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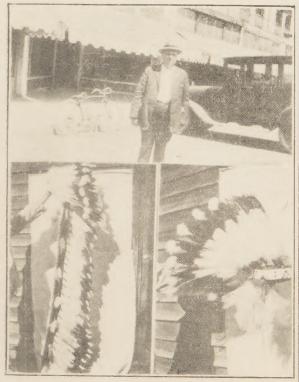
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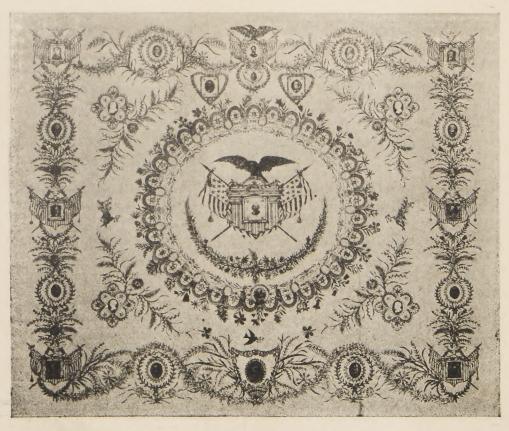
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After putting an end, or rather knocking four hours off the end of the twelve-hour day in the steel industry, the government is embarrassed to discover that the twelve-hour day prevails in some of its own plants. The demand for pennies, five and ten cent pieces and quarters has been so great. that the United States mints have been running on a twelve-hour schedule. Efforts are being made to establish an eight hour limit. Also a plan is on foot to accumulate a large surplus supply of small coins.

This disclosure links our mint conditions, by way of contrast, with foreign mints, most of which have been running at a low ebb while presses printing paper money have been working over time.

The extensive circulation of small coins indicates a healthy business condition. The millions have lots of change in their pockets. The demand for pennies has been accelerated by the "odd" price system, by the various small war taxes, by the prevalence of seven cent street railway fares and by the increased enrollment of Sunday schools throughout the country.

The two-dollar bill is here to stay. So rules the United States treasury department in denying the latest reports that the alleged omen of ill luck is to be scrapped. In weighing the evidence for and against, the department finds, from thousands of letters received from all sections of the country, that the indictments against the bill were very vague and ill-founded,

The most logical contention that the two-dollar bill should be done away with lay in the fact it is confused with the bill of the one-dollar denomination. This was the only concrete citation of unadaptability to general use. Some people slyly commented that it consistently brought bad luck, others that every one being sceptical made transfer of the bill difficult. England and Florida alone regretted its passing.

Two-dollar bills came into being shortly after the Civil War. It was then a popular denomination, larger that the plebian one, but less than the coveted and not everyday five. It was the big standard in those days when shoes came at two dollars a pair. Now that the five and ten have come into their own the two gradually is dropping into disrepute.

The wrecking of Germany's finances is an accomplished fact, and the note for a million marks is as worthless as a last week's newspaper. Time will show what the fate of the new currency, the "rentenmark," will be.

Of all the paper, which has circulated in Germany as money, the most stable seems to have been the "Rye Money," issued by the Neu Ruppin section of a co-operative association, composed of "junkers" and owners of large country estates. Each of these notes is redeemable in a certain

quantity of rye. The Issuers are evidently determined to keep them out of the hands of speculators, as each note bears the following legend, printed across its face: "This note is invalid if in possession of a Jew."

The street beggars in Germany are not faring well at the present time, according to a recent press report. The alms doled out in the form of 10,000 or 100,000 notes are worthless. But the human mind is ever inventive. The beggars have found out that junk dealers pay far above face value for the "money," and this fact helps to balance matters. Which goes to show that the paper circulating as money in Germany has its greatest value as junk.

Some time ago it was stated that Germany had discarded the use of postage stamps, as it cost the government more to produce the stamps than the face value of them. Instead postmasters were to stamp on letters and other mail matter the amount paid. Some of the pieces of mail arriving from Germany still bear postage stamps, and a letter arriving in this city in December was franked with stamps to the amount of 6,925,500,000 marks, ranging in value from one million to 500 million marks. Some of the postmasters' imprints indicate in figures the amount paid, while others simply have "Gebuhr Bezahlt" (fee paid), surrounded by a border.

Denmark and Norway are now issuing subsidiary coins in base metals, holed or in other forms than the circular. Since the war it has been impossible for these two countries to keep their silver coins in circulation, as they were smuggled out as fast as issued. Hence this recent change. The new coins or tokens will have circulating power in the country of issue only. It was planned to have a supply of the new tokens ready to put in circulation by the beginning of this year. I have seen illustrations of the proposed new tokens for Denmark. The 1 krone piece is rectangular with rounded corners; the 25 ore piece is oblong; the 5 ore serrated; the 2 ore token with straight top and bottom and round sides, and the 1 ore piece round with straight bottom.

Judging from comments in the newspapers the public is greatly opposed to these tokens, but only the necessity of saving the countries from a constant drain directed the step taken.

The Danish and Swedish crowns, the units in those countries, might have celebrated their 50th anniversary last year. It was in May, 1873, that the monetary convention was arranged, and it was joined by Norway two years later. This uniform money system was of great advantage and worked to perfection—until the war came along and spolled it.

More than \$20,000,000 in greenbacks and \$1,000,000 in stamps are made by the United States government every day. Such great care attends the printing of notes that thirteen days are necessary to complete the process to which one single bill—\$1 or \$10,000—is subjected. Although millions of dollars pass through the plant daily and are left openly on desks, not a single guard is placed over the money, nor are employes searched as they leave the building. Instead, a rigid system of accounting is enforced, the notes being counted fifteen times and the stamps ten before sent out. Should a shortage be discovered the plate printer and those who handle the bills must replace the amount of the missing notes. Most of the greenbacks are \$1 and \$2 notes. The \$10,000 note is the largest made, but there are only a few of them in circulation.

SHELLSBURG, IOWA, HAS FINE MUSEUM.

500 Indian Relics, 100 Bugs, 85 Moths, Butterflies, in Harbert Collection.

R. E. Harbert of Shellsburg is thought to have one of the finest private museums in the state. It includes 100 stuffed animals and birds, 500 Indian relics, hundreds of shells and fossils, several books of plant life and postage stamps.

Mr. Harbert became interested in taxidermy when a boy and educated himself through home study of the William T. Hornaday books.

Most of the animals and birds are those found in Iowa, yet many are unknown to the majority of people. They have a double value to the owner, as he has done all the work and mounting himself. Attractive glass cases with arrangement of wood and blocks, twigs, stones, moss and grass make appropriate settings for the stuffed creatures.

Among the fur bearing animals will be found a mink, chipmunk, ground mole, guinea pig, ground-hog, badger, civet cat, timber fox, skunk, muskrat, gray and flying squirrels, coon, weasel, jack rabbit, cottontail rabbit and a fawn, which was born on the Spurgeon farm south of town.

Display of Moths.

In wall cases will be seen sixty-five moths and butterflies, 100 bugs, beetles and bees. A tarantula, scorpion, emperor moth and juna moth are the rarest in this antique collection.

In the bird cases will be found the rainbird, oven bird, dove, meadow lark, redwing, magpie, kingfisher, oriole, woodpecker, cardinal, humming bird, grossbeak, scarlet tananger, crossbeak, bluejay and cedar waxwing.

Five varieties of wild ducks, six varieties of owls, five varieties of hawks, a sea gull, mudhen, blue heron, prairie chicken, white swan, American snipe and American cormorant form another attractive group. The Arcadian owl is the rarest of this species.

The books of plant life contain many flowers that are now practically extinct.

The Indian relics have been obtained along the rivers, creek banks and in the stone quarries of this vicinity. They include arrow heads, fleshers, spears, ax heads, skinning knives, pipes, pottery, meal grinders, medicine pestels and many queer shaped and grooved stones whose use is unknown.

A perfect trilobite was found on the Nels Stookey farm.

Has Stamps, Too.

The stamp collection is the result of a boyhood fancy and contains about 80 per cent of all the adhesive stamps ever issued by the United States. They are arranged in groups according to the historical development of our country; the same series often contain both the clipped and perforated stamp of various values.

COLLECTED WESTERN PRINTS.

L. Fred Foster, an old frontiersman, who died recently at Modesto, Calif., made a collection of colored prints depicting the western country in the early days. Mr. Foster was an old friend of Buffalo Bill, Pawnee Bill, Annie Oakley and other noted westerners. He was an expert horseman and roper and also a pianist and composer.

FIREARMS AND WEAPONS .- By Geo. J. Remsburg, Porterville, Calif.

While remodeling a house on the old Philip Chapman farm near Ovilla, Texas, recently, James Henderson and Vance Davenport found between the walls a flint lock shot gun bearing the inscription, "Barrett, 1833." The run is in a good state of preservation. At present the farm is owned by J. B. Larkin of Dallas.

An echo from Flanders Fields was sounded at Fort Benning, Ga., recently when a newly enlisted private, cleaning out the long unused cartridge box of the rifle asigned him, pushed out a small roll of paper on which was written the following: "This rifle was used by Private Franklin Webster of the 125th infantry. I fired it point blank at seven Germans, October 7, 1918, in an attack on the Kreimhilde Stellung during the Meuse-Argonne offensive. On October 11 I fired with it 150 rounds. I was gassed in the Death Valley, near Geanes, France, and there is no hope of saving my life. Whoever draws this rifle again will know that it has done its bit."

Charles Nelson Earle, who claimed to be the inventor of the self-cocking pistol now evolved into the automatic revolver, died in Los Angeles recently at the age of 90.

A fine collection of Moro and Igorote war weapons from the Philippine Islands, once the property of the late Major Jesse E. Tarbell and gathered during the Spanish-American war, has been placed on exhibition in the state college museum at Fresno, Calif.

Two old cannon which formed part of the land defenses of San Francisco Bay after the United States had overthrown the Spanish rule, have been placed in Pershing Square in Los Angeles, as a part of the monument being erected to the "Sons and Daughters of Los Angeles, who participated in the World War." The cannon were obtained from the war department by Major Robert C. Cotton, U. S. A., instructor of the 160th Infantry, California National Guard.

Vause W. Marshall of Williamsport, W. Va., who is known to possess the largest collection of B. P. O. Elks badges and souvenirs in America and who associated with H. W. English of 923 So. Ala. St., Birmingham, Ala., another ardent collector are gathering up all articles pertaining to the Order of Elks, preserving this data in a historical way. The recent addition to Brother Marshall's collection is the personal badges of the late Wm. F. Cody (Buffalo Bill) who was a member of the Elks, which donation was made Mr. Marshall by his adopted son Johnny Baker of near Denver. An interesting addition is an original "Jolly Cork" badge used when the Elks were known as "Jolly Corks." As Marshall resides nearly fifty miles from the nearest Elk's lodge and being one of the few members in his county speaks much of his wonderful collection as a niche in the history of the wonderful organization, possessing a badge from nearly every subordinate lodge in America, over 4000 different designs and both he and English are searching every nook and corner for additions to the wonderful accumulation so as to preserve and make it the most interesting historical monument to Elkdom.

The will of Alexander J. Anderson, Sioux City naturalist and taxidermist, divides his collection of mounted birds and insects between his brothers and sister. The collection is said to be the most valuable in the west.



BLIOGRAP



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Here you may range the world with the magic of a Book; plunge into scenes of remote ages and countries, and cheat expectation and solitude of their weary mo-

ments.

A full list of Nebraska authors and their works, compiled by Margaret Badollet Shotwell and Henry F. Kieser, has been printed by Mr. Kieser of Omaha.

A practical booklet has just been published called. The Library Hand Book of Trade Secrets and Instructions. It contains receipts and directions for cleaning, repairing and restoring manuscripts, engravings and works as practiced by experts.

A letter written by Abraham Lincoln advising against sending the Monitor "skylarking" up to Norfolk, recently brought \$1,250.00 at a Philadelphia auction.

A copy of Milton, 1804, sold some time ago for the record price of \$17,000.00. Only four copies of this book are known.

A document signed by Queen Elizabeth of England, 2 pages folio, August 4, 1598, brought \$100.00 at a New York sale.

The oldest American bookplate has just been discovered. Its date is 1674.

A very interesting three-page antograph letter written by Edwin Booth to General Grant asking for the body of his brother John Wilkes Booth, to be returned to his family to relieve his heartbroken mother was the star piece in a late sale and was knocked down for \$1000.00.

The first newspaper published in the Rocky Mountains was the Desert News, printed by the Mormons in the Valley of Great Salt Lake in 1851.

The first dictionary to be printed was one started by Sir James Murray in 1600.

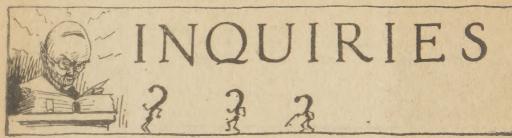
Benjamin Franklin's "Word Book" which collectors have been searching for years to find, has at last been discovered. The discovery was made in an attic in Mount Holly, N. J., where it had lain in an old trunk undisturbed for almost a century.

The Telltale, a Harvard publication, 1721, the earliest known copy of a college periodical was recently brought to light.

The Mother of the Valentine was a Miss Esther Howland who graduated from the Mt. Holyoke College in 1847.

The first London edition of Uncle Tom's Cabin, 1852, with the Cruick-shank illustrations, sold some time ago for \$50.00.

Joseph C. Lincoln, the great novelist, who has been called the "Alchemist of Humor," is a collector of Chinese Josses in bronze, ancient furniture, glass, etc.



It is to your benefit as well as ours as when not sent thus oftentimes your answer does not reach me in time to be answered in the next issue and is consequently held over a whole month. All questions relative to coins and paper money, curios, minerals, etc., should be sent to the editors of these departments. Owing to the large number of inquiries received it is impossible to get them all into print at once. Each must take its turn. For this reason should you desire a reply at once, we ask that you enclose a stamp and we will reply direct.

Gomer Shafer, Gallia, O.:—I have a Russian 50,000 ruble note. Has it any value, and can I get it exchanged in a bank for U. S. money?

Answer:—No, I am sorry to say that your Russian note has no monetary value, and no bank in this or any other country will accept Russian paper, because it has no metal reserve behind it. The bolshevist leaders have squandered the country's gold reserve and have issued an endless volume of paper. Last year they repudiated their own issues at the rate of 50,000 to one ruble, and how little that one ruble is worth today is still problematic. It was rumored last year that Russia was coining silver, and a late news report states that they are coining gold. In the course of time the bolshevists may be able to stabilize their currency, so it will be acceptable in foreign countries, but it is only fair to assume that all current issues will be repudiated.

M. S.

Geo. A. Emery, Independence, Iowa:—Please advise me if the \$25.00 and \$50.00 bonds, issued by Ireland in 1858, are of any value.

Also if the 2 cents due stamp, precancelled St. Louis, Mo., is worth anything above face value.

Ans.:—Bonds and so-called currency, issued in the past by revolutionist parties in Ireland, have no monetary value, and will bring only such a price as collectors are willing to pay.

There is no premium on the stamp in question. M. S.

Hattie Schlegel, Chillicothe, Ohio: A very good coin book is "The Coinages of the World," by Geo. D. Mathews, published by Scott & Co., New York, 1876. For other good coin books, write Mr. Edward Flieder, 1118 First Ave., Seattle, Wash. He has the largest selection of numismatic books I have seen advertised. It is always more or less of a problem if a numismatic book desired can be had, because most of them—and usually the best—are out of print and can only now and then be picked up at auction sales or from dealers.

M. S.

W. B. Rice, Mechanicsburg, Pa.: The best authority on the stamp you describe—its value, scarcity, etc., will be Scott's catalogue, 1924. M. S.

Wm. N. Stephens, Anaconda, Mont.: Please give me the record of silver half dollars coined at New Orleans in 1861.

Ans.: The official mint report gives the number of half dollars struck at the New Orleans mint collectively from the time of its organization, 1838, to its suspension, 1861. A considerable number must have been struck during the first months of 1861. When hostilities broke out the state seized

the mint and turned it over to the Confederates. A new die was engraved for the reverse and it was planned to issue half dollars from the mint, but only four pieces were struck when the metal gave out, and no more coins were struck there until the United States Government re-opened the mint in 1879. Only one of the four Confederate half dollars is known to exist. The so-called "restrike" was a solely speculative venture undertaken by a New York dealer several years ago, but is really without interest to numismatists.

M. S.

Reader of "West" in Buffalo, N. Y.:—Begarding appraising of the stamps you have for sale I refer you to Mr. T. G. Sanders, 1517 Wallis Ave., Omaha, Nebr. He will appraise them honestly for you.

M. S.

Jack Schaffer, Grand Rapids, Mich.:—I regret to say that I am unable to advise you regarding where you can get a coin album. And for information regarding a postmark album, write Mr. A. H. Pike, Station G, Buffalo, N. Y. M. S.

J. E. Boyer, Beaver Crossing, Nebr.: For prices of coins write any coin dealer advertising in the "West." There are William Hesslein, Boston, Mass., Edward Flieder, Seattle, Wash., and several others.

Mary Cline, Phillipsburg, Kansas: See above answer. Any reliable coin dealer will quote you the right prices of coins you might have to sell.

L. W. Hooper, Marble Falls, Texas: Write coin dealers mentioned above for the variety of five-cent piece you want.

Roscoe B. Martin, Forestville, N. Y.: The old Omaha note of 1857 is not very scarce. I should say it is worth about 50 cents, if in good condition.

R. Hoffman, Hanover, Pa.: You are welcome to use the item mentioned provided you give proper credit.

To E. R. J., who inquired about the so-called "Catholic Dollar," we can say that the story current about this bill is silly and wholly without foundation, in fact it is too foolish to deserve the publicity it has been given.

H. M. Quinn, Wheeling, W. Va., sends a number of questions.

- 1. What are the comparative values of the 3 varieties of 5-cent pieces, 1883, in fine condition?
 - 2. Value of the Indian Head cent, 1877?
- 3. In what year was the nickel coin minted, bearing no date and having the same inscription on both sides?
 - 4. What is the value of a Spanish 20 reales piece, 1855?
- 5. Value of Spanish 8 reale pieces dated 1795, 1797, 1809, 1817? Are these called "pieces of eight?"
 - 6. Value of the Indian Head cent, 1909?
- 7. Where can I get a list of the number of coins of all denominations minted by the U.S. mints yearly?

Ans: 1.—A few cents above face value. 2.—About 25 cents. 3.—This is evidently a fake; two reverses welded together. 4.—About \$3.00. 5.—\$1.00 each. Yes, these are the real "Pieces of eight." 6.—No premium. 7.—Write the Director of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., and ask for the yearly mint report.

M. S.

COLLECTION OF SHOES.

Mrs. Mary M. Meilinger of Canton, Ohio, has a collection of 600 pairs of shoes of all descriptions and from all parts of the world. Many of them are of historic interest and she has been twenty-five years making the collection.

THE U. S. CENTS .- By C. E. Briggs.

Among collectors of U. S. series the one cent pieces are the most popular. There are many reasons for this, but perhaps the foremost among them is the great range in the price of these pieces. For a few dollars a collector can purchase a complete set of all dates in fair condition, but to get all dates and varieties in uncirculated condition would cost several thousand dollars. Another reason is that there is an almost unbroken series of this coin. The cent has been coined continuously from and including 1793 to the present date, with the single exception of 1815; none have ever been found bearing that date. There is also the difference in color of these pieces. which make them very attractive to collectors. They vary from the original brilliant red through all shades of steel blue and drab to an almost jet black. even in uncirculated condition. Then there are the die varieties that give the collector an almost unlimited field of study and research. No other denomination of U. S. coins can compare with the cent in this respect. Several years ago 56 varieties of the single date of 1794 were described and catalogued, and others are still coming to light.

The design of the first cent minted in 1793 shows the head of Liberty with flowing hair and facing to the right, with a chain of 13 links on the reverse and bars and strawberry vine on the edge. It contains 203 grains of copper. This weight was maintained with slight variations until 1858 when the policy of putting one cent worth of copper in each piece was abandoned.

There are 12 known varieties of 1793. The cent of 1794 shows Liberty with flowing hair, but with a cap on a pole over the left shoulder. The reverse shows a wreath of olive, and the edge is lettered: "One Hundred for a Dollar." The cent of 1808 shows a profile of Liberty with Inscribed fillet and facing to the left. This design was used until 1816 when a new design of Liberty appeared with the coronet inscribed "Liberty."

In 1858 the cent was reduced in size nearly to that of the present issue and contained about 12 per cent nickel; these pieces are known as the white or nickel cents. This composition of metal was used until 1864, after which copper was again used. Dates from 1864 to 1908 are known as the Indian head cents, but the head is that of a small boy dressed to represent an Indian. This design was changed in 1909. In that year, the one hundredth anniversary of Lincoln's birth, the first coin to bear the likeness of a former president of the United States was minted.

All cents were struck at the mother mint at Philadelphia until 1908, since when cents have been struck at the San Francisco mint, with the mint mark S on the reverse. Cents have been struck at the Denver mint since 1911, bearing D as the mint mark.

PRIZED AUTOGRAPH OF HARDING.

Larkin Martin, a linotype operator on the Atchison (Kas.) Daily Globe, is the only member of the Masonic order in Kansas who has President Harding's signature on his Masonic degree parchment. Mr. Martin is a 32nd degree Mason. W. C. Hawk, of The Glode, who is state chairman of the Republican state central committee, accompanied the President's party from Kansas City to Hutchinson, and while he was on the train asked the president to sign Mr. Martin's parchment, which he very graciously did. President Harding was a 32nd degree Mason.

FROM GUTTAG BROTHERS BULLETIN.

Coln Week is over. It was a howling success! It is a physical impossibility for us to give you, because of its magnitude, even an idea of what was done during that short period. We will just mention a few places where exhibitions were held or other publicity given during Coin Week.

Brooklyn, N. Y.; Council Bluffs, Iowa; Spokane, Wash.; Canton, Mo.; Lebanon, Pa.; Springfield, Mass.; Cedar Raplds, Iowa; Moorhead, Mlnn.; Washington, Kas.; Chattanooga, Tenn.; St. Joseph, Mo.; Waxachachie, Texas; Cleveland, Ohio; Las Cruces, N. M.; West Polnt, Va.; Columbus, Ind.; Reno, Nev.; New York, N. Y.; Commerce, Texas; St. Louis, Mo.; Superior, Neb.; Danbury, N. C.; Helena, Mo.; Springfield, Mo.; Davenport, Iowa; Holyoke, Mass.; Jersey City, N. J.; Eynon, Pa.; Jamestown, N. Y.; Pittsburgh, Pa.; Prostburg, Md.; Lisbon, Iowa; Chicago, Ill.; Galesburg, Ill.; Omaha, Neb.; Oakland, Calif.; Zanesville, Ohio; Rochester, N. Y.; Los Angeles, Calif.; Hawthorne, N. J.; San Francisco, Calif.; Lewisburg, Ohio; Jackson, Mich.

Should you be aware of any exhibitions other than above mentloned kindly let us know.

Numismatic talks were broadcasted by radio from Newark, N. J., and Oakland, California.

Special attention has been given to newspaper publicity, and we have no hesitation in stating that more of this kind of publicity has been given to coin Week than any other numismatic activity hitherto in this country.

For the information of the younger generation we wish to draw attention to the recent formation of a Junior Numismatic Club with a membership of ten, which we consider is a very good beginning. The first regular meeting was held February 19. Any persons interested should please get in touch with Mr. Leroy Fishbourne, 1236 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, N. Y., who will be pleased to answer all inquiries.

TO MOUNT COINS-By Bruce Cartwright, Honolulu.

I have always been interested in U.S. coins but have never collected them because coins are too bulky and hard to arrange in such shape as to properly display them, without handling them. At last I have over come this and derive a great deal of pleasure out of my small collection. Perhaps some one else has hit upon the same scheme, if not try it, as follows: 1—Get two panes of ordinary glass of handy size, say 8x12. 2—Get a sheet of heavy bristol board, of the color you fancy, the same size as the glass panes-the board not quite as thick as the coins to be framed. 3—Get one washer outter. 4-Measure the diameter of the coin-set the washer cutter at onehalf of this diameter. If the diameter is one inch set the washer-cutter at one-half inch and cut a hole in the bristol board which will just hold your coin tightly. 5-After you have arranged your colns, place them in the holes in the bristol board; try to have holes equally spaced. 6-Label them, the country at the top of the bristol board and the date and brief description below each coin. 7-Place piece of glass on each side of the bristol board, then fasten the edges together with strips of paspatout tape.

Frames of colns mounted as above can be filed like a card index or hung upon the wall, or examined by anyone without a chance of hurting them. Try it! It works!—Bruce Cartwright, P. O. 653, Honolulu, T. H.

Henry L. Chapin of 749 Whittier St., Los Angeles, has made a fine collection of clocks, bells and antique furniture, etc.

COIN FANCIERS STAGING SHOW.

Exhibition Here May Bring Branch of Numismatic Society to Detroit.

Detroit Coin Week has not only resulted in an exhibition of rare coins, medals, hard-times tokens and a variety of currency money by Detroit numismatists at the Institute of Arts but will also bring ahead the movement of organizing a Detroit branch of the American Numismatic Society, a meeting of Detroit coin collectors having been called for Friday, at 8 p. m., at the institute.

The present exhibition, which will last until next Sunday, comprises part of the collection of Howard E. Newcomb, vice president of the Newcomb-Endicott Co., considered the finest collection of coins in the United States and consisting of Pine Tree shillings of Massachusetts of 1652, Lord Baltimore shillings of Maryland, colonial coins and a few of the earliest cents and half-cents coined in this country. Next in point of rarity is a collection by Albert Grinnell, 294 Boston boulevard east, of old American cents and early dollars.—Detroit Philatelic Society.

Shows Christ's Head.

The largest collection and perhaps the most valuable in respect to age is an exhibit by A. C. Hutchinson, 271 Lakewood boulevard, member A. P. A., Michigan Stamp Club and Detroit Philatelic Society, comprising Greek coins from 600 to 200 B. C.; Roman coins issued from the time of Julius Caesar, 44 B. C., until the last ruler of the Western Roman Empire, Arcadius, who reigned from 395 to 408 A. D.; coins of the eastern Roman Empire, among which one of the rarest is a coin with the bust of Christ Issued by Emperor John Zimisces at Constantinopie in 960 A. D.; Jewish and old Egyptian money; ancient Chinese and Japanese "razor" and "spearhead" money dating as far back as 1122 B. C., and early English money.

Another valuable collection is exhibited by Edward A. Hoare of the Dime Savings Bank. It consists of a variety of coronation medals of the time of Queen Victoria and King Edward of England; of a set of the first hard money coined by the Royal Mint of Ottawa, Canada; a five shillings coin with the word "Dollar" engraved issued by the Bank of England in 1804; a set of native Indian coppers, half-crowns of William and Mary dated 1689 and English shillings of the years 1758-1787.

J. M. Potischke, 3006 Fifteenth street, exhibits a collection of coins and medals of the former Papal State, a collection of Japanese and Philippines money and a collection of three-cent silver coins in mint condition issued in the fifties.

Other Exhibitors.

G. K. Kutukian, 1669 Philadelphia avenue west, enriched in exhibition with a collection of ancient Greek coins of the time of Perseus, king of Macedonia, 168 B. C., and of Alexander the Great, 336 B. C.

Other exhibitors are:

Z. Dworkowski, 3129 Theodore street, also Mich. Stamp Club—Early and modern European coins, especially Polish money.

Joseph E. Helfrich, 67 Adelaide street—Four-dollar gold piece, old fivecent silver pieces.

R. A. Allen, 436 Piquette avenue—Collection of American half-cents, hard-times tokens, Siam bullet money.

THE COLLECTORS' WURLD

Howard Hudson, 3809 Mowhawk street—Collection of American commemorative half-dollars.

C. E. Partridge, vice president of Dime Savings Bank—Collection of United States postal and fractional currency, so-called "shin plasters."

Niels C. Ortved, Walkerville, Ont.—Collection of Danish coins from 1588 to 1906, and German war emergency currency.—Sent by Boers.

Recently a very valuable bible was found in an antiquarian book store in Paris. Among a lot of old books, put away in a closet as worthless junk, was found an old worm eaten bible, which had belonged to Borso of Este, and was from about 1400. It was in an elaborate hand writing. This bible was of important significance in the early church history of Italy. After the war it came to France in 1859, disappeared during the commune in 1871, and had been lost until now. The book dealer was a man of business talent. He negotiated with an American millionaire and at the same time notified the eminent Italian antiquarian, Commodore de Marini in Milano that the bible had been found and that he was negotiating to sell it to America. De Marini went to Paris as fast as train and aeroplane would carry him. Musolini and the Italian millionaire Treccani were brought into the conference with the final result that the snug sum of five million francs was paid for the bible, which was brought back to Italy and presented to the Italian State Library.

The Most Noble Order of the Garter is the oldest and highest order of knighthood in the United Kingdom. The order is supposed to have been initiated by Edward III. of England, in 1344. According to Seldon, the historian, "It excels in majesty, honor and fame all chivalrous orders in the world," and the honor is the most coveted one of any in Europe. There are many stories regarding the origin of the order, but the most generally accepted one is that Joan, Countess of Salisbury, while dancing with the king, let fall her garter, and the gallant Edward, perceiving smiles on the faces of his courtiers, picked it up, bound it round his own knee, and exclaimed, "Honi soit qui mal y pense," ("evil be to him who evil thinks"). The blue garter and the motto of the order are thus accounted for. Other authorities claim that it was King Edward's own queen who dropped her garter.

CURIO CLUB TO EXCHANGE BADGES AND SOUVENIRS FORMED.

An Elks Curio Club has been organized throughout the country. The Glub is exchanging souvenirs, badges, clippings, pictures, etc., and will preserve anything relating in an historical way to the Order of Elks. None but members are eligible to join and no expenses are attached to the Club. The following are among the charter members: H. W. English, Birmingham (Ala.) Lodge, No. 79; Vanse W. Marshall, Frostburg (Md.) Lodge, No. 470; Dave Levy, Mobile (Ala.) Lodge, No. 108; Bert G. Covell, Honolulu (H. I.) Lodge, No. 616.—Elk Magazine.

C. F. Adams of 3820 Harrison Boulevard, Kansas City, Mo., has a most unusual collection. He has gathered 2,000 specimens of mosquitos of various kinds from all parts of the world. This is almost as unique a collection as that of one of the millionaire Rothschilds, who collected fleas, paying big prices for strange varieties. He had fleas taken from roaring lions and other animals from the equator to the furthest Arctic regions.

COIN NOTES

THE "POPE DOLLAR."

Following is the history of the awful "Pope" dollar bill of which the Ku Kluxers raised such a furore over as having the Catholic cross, the Rosary and the Pope's head on it.

Following is information received from the Treasury Department concerning the one dollar United States note, Series of 1917.

"You are advised that the plate from which these notes are printed, was designed and engraved by the Columbia Bank Note Co. of New York, and was used from 1869 to 1900 in the production of such notes. From 1900 to 1916 the printing of these notes was suspended. In the latter part of 1916 the demand for small denominations of currency was so urgent that the Secretary of the Treasury exercising the option conferred by the Act of March 4, 1907, authorized the issue of one and two dollar United States notes, in accordance with the provisions of that act. It was deemed advisable in the preparation of the plates for the purpose, to continue the use of the plates that had been satisfactory from 1869 to 1900, and the only change made was in the printed words, "Series of 1917" substituted "Series of 1880."

The foregoing history of the plates from which the one dollar United States notes, Series of 1917, are printed, completely refutes the report, recently circulated through the columns of a sensational newspaper, in which it was asserted that employes of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing in 1917, had surreptitiously placed the papal cross upon the plates from which the one dollar United States notes, Series of 1917, were struck.

There are distinguishing marks used generally in the preparation of plates from which money is to be printed in order that from the mere glance of the eye, the print of the genuine can be set apart from the counterfeit. Perhaps the mark referred to as a cross is a distinguishing mark for such purpose, and not intended as a cross.

You can rest assured that the paper currency of the United States does not bear upon its face, or back any picture, portrait, or design, that is sectorian in character."

A STRONG BANKNOTE PAPER.

The secret for making the linen tissue for Bank of England notes has been kept for two hundred years by the trusted employees of one firm. Of a peculiar whiteness the paper is so tough that a folded note can sustain the weight of fifty pounds without tearing.

In the days before postal orders became common, it was customary, when sending money by mail, to cut a note in halves, inclose the first with the invoice, and await acknowledgment before parting with the second.

A chest of gold coins worth \$600,000 was discovered by a peasant at Cortille, San Martino, Parma, Italy, while digging in a field for roots. When the spade struck iron the peasant cleared away the earth. He realized that a big metal box was buried in the soil. On being opened it revealed a

mass of gold coins, which, when counted at the police headquarters, proved to be worth \$,000,000 lire.

GERMAN MARKS ARE SOLD TO AMERICANS.

Money collectors in Germany, like the stamp collectors, have had their hands full. New notes, regular and otherwise, have poured in on their from all sides. Thousands of issues of German marks which became worthless as currency within a few weeks of their appearance, have been accumulated by the money collectors whose only rivals in this respect were the garbage men or the factories who sought the valueless marks merely for the paper.

Collectors' agents in Leipzig, Berlin and other German cities have done a land office business all summer and fall among foreign clients, some of whom ordered marks by the pound. The United States, it is estimated, has taken tons of the paper notes to be sold in the streets by peddlers, or given away as premiums with a ten cent order.

In addition to the regular notes, freak issues of marks came from everywhere, some of them especially designed to give the collectors a thrill. These notes were good only in the districts issued. Thousands of them never reached the public at all because they passed directly into the hands of the collectors.

Some silver half crown pieces now in circulation in England show King George apparently smoking a cigar, but the effect was produced by bubbles in the molten metal, which made flaws in many of the coins.

IOWAN ACQUIRES RARE OLD RIFLE.

Keokuk, Ia.—William Timberman, Keokuk attorney, has obtained after some years of search a gun made entirely by hand, by Dan Lafever, veterah gunmaker of this country. Mr. Timberman had been making inquiry at gunshops and sporting goods houses for some time in a futile effort to obtain possession of a Lafever gun, and several weeks ago, while he was attending the annual convention of the American Bar Association in Minneapolis he learned where such a gun could be gotten.

The gun, which he has just purchased, has two sets of barrels, choke and cylinder. Its cylinder barrel is of hammered steel, with the hammar marks visible on it. The choke barrel, because of the strain in it, has been cast of fluid steel.

The cocking device is hammerless, but in order that the firer may know whether it is cocked or not there are two sets of pins which work in and out, so that when the gun is cocked they protrude slightly from the sides of the barrels. The triggers are handmade, and all the mechanism is hand constructed. The cleaning rod and tools are ingeniously arranged with an oil can concealed in the base of the ramrod.

The stock is of curled walnut, highly polished.

Seventy years ago there was in Keokuk a gunsmith named Marcy. He made three double-barreled shotguns, everything but the barrels being made at the bench. Deputy Auditor D. H. Annable has one of these three guns; its stock is of a block of walnut, and the barrel of cast steel, with hammers and triggers hand-filed from pieces of steel. Marcy tried once to buy back the gun but no offer he made could induce Annable to part with it.

NOTES FOR THE COLLECTING NATURALIST AND ARCHAEOLOGIST.

This department is conducted in the interest of collectors of Fossils, Minerals, Rocks, Shells, Insects, Marine Specimens, Birds, Plants and Stone Age Relics and other Natural Science Specimens. Items and clippings (with name of paper) and magazine articles solicited. Allen Jesse Reynolds, Box 178, Connersville,, Indiana.

A collection of 44,000 pinned specimens of North American diptera has been donated by Dr. J. M. Aldrich to the National Museum. The collection represents twenty years' labor and contains thousands of completely described and card-indexed specimens.

It is said the British Isles have recorded the fall of only about fifteen meteorites of which one was quite recently. A workman in a field in England saw a meteorite fall near him and dug it up.

In this age of investigation and discovery it is our duty to nail down talse reports as fast as discovered so it is well to broadcast the following from the Indianapolis News: "The supposed skull of the Tertiary period found in Patagonia some time ago is merely a curiously shaped stone and of no scientific value, according to a committee of eminent scientists of the Buenos Aires and Laplata museums of natural history, which has carefully examined it. At the time of its discovery great interest was excited because it was supposed to be the oldest trace of mankind in existence."

In Columbia there were recently found a frog and a lizard formerly unknown to science.

The past is linked with the present in the fact that pocket gophers now found near Los Angeles have changed little, if any, from the fossil gophers which lived in that section ages ago.

The writer will be glad to receive information concerning the finding of "Portions of the body of what is believed to be a prehistorie man," dug up near Williams, Neb. The same press dispatch stated a bone spear head eight inches long, and an axe that "seemed to have been made from the jaw bone of a mammoth," were found with the other remains. Can any of the readers give us some light on this matter?

Hastings (Neb.) eollege collection of birds has been increased to about 800 specimens, due in part to Prof. W. J. Kent spending the summer in Colorado collecting specimens. He also painted a number of backgrounds for the new cases.

A special feature of a recent meeting of the Superior (Neb.) Chapter D. A. R. was the exhibit of Indian relics by Mr. Wm. Wetzel. Mr. Wetzel entertained and instructed the members with an interesting talk about the artlfacts. More of this kind of work is needed. He has picked up over a thousand different specimens the past year in Kansas and Nebraska. Soon he will place them in public library.

And still the world is full of false ideas. Only this morning I overheard a party say, "The mound builders could temper copper." There is not a bit of truth in that statement. There is much to unlearn as well as to learn. Who says I am wrong?

Every reader interested in the geological unfolding of the ages gone by should read the January number of "Asia." Therein is a fine article (well illustrated) by Ray Chapman Andrews, leader of the Third Asiatic Expedition. It tells of their sufferings and adventures while working their way into

the heart of Mongolia where they made some of the most important "finds" of fossils ever made.

An Indian's skull with a piece of flint imbedded in it was recently found in California.

The prehistoric past is coming into its own. More and more is interest becoming widespread. Age? What is a stamp compared with an arrow head? What is an arrow head compared with a mammoth's tooth. What is a mammoth's tooth compared with the skull of a dinosaur? What is a dinosaur's skull compared with a fossil fern from the Coal Measures? What is that fossil fern compared with a fossil fish from the Devonian rocks? What is that fossil fish compared with a trilobite from the Silurian system?—and so on. Let's learn more about Nature,—as it is and as it was.

Ever collect fossils? To the first reader sending me a 200 to 250 word story about one of his fossil collecting trips I will give 10 varieties of properly named fossils. Come on!

Send me some clippings .- Reynolds.

NUMISMATIC NOTES.

Time of Wildcat Banks.

The term "wildcats," today applied to worthless securities of any description, was originally the name given to certain banks in Michigan. Back in 1837 there was a severe financial panic. Many banks failed. The currency which they had circulated became worthless, many bogus banks started up and issued "bank notes" and the country was overrun with a swarm of counterfeiters. Banking and business were demoralized and, to make matters worse, lax legislation was passed in many states, permitting almost any kind of financial robbery in the name of banking.

Such was the case in Michigan, where 40 banks were started under a law of fraudulent character. These banks were called "wildcats" because the bank notes issued by them bore a picture of that animal. All but four of these failed within two years, hence the term "wildcat" to denote a very insecure financial obligation.

How to Detect Counterfeiting.

In a recent address before a gathering of American bankers, Mr. W. H. Moran, chief of the United States Secret Service, pointed out a simple and effective way to detect counterfeit notes. This consists in learning bank notes by the portraits as well as by engraved figures or wording. According to Mr. Moran, counterfeiters can easily raise the figures or change the wording on notes, but it is almost impossible to alter a portrait.

About 90% of all the currency in circulation today is in Federal Reserve Bank notes. Each denomination in these notes bears a certain identifying portrait. These are as follows for the denominations indicated:

One dollar note, portrait of Washington; \$2 note, portrait of Jefferson; \$5 note, portrait of Lincoln; \$10 note, portrait of Jackson; \$20 note, portrait of Cleveland; \$50 note, portrait of Grant; \$100 note, portrait of Webster.

The faces of these Americans are familiar to almost everyone. If the public will follow this plan, Mr. Moran believes that at least 90% of the territory for counterfeiters will be wiped out.

The fad of a man over in England is collecting match boxes. He has 476 different kinds. He has been persuing this fad fourteen years.

INTERESTING INDIAN RELICS EXCAVATED AT RUSSELLVILLE, ARK.

During the last three weeks collectors have literally been flocking to Russellville, where some of the old rellcs have been unearthed in a ridge on the south side of the Arkansas river. The pottery is evidently the art of the ancient Caddie League, although it has been believed that the league had never been that far north. There were ranks of the highest of the art of the American Continent, showlng unusual skill, both in designing and burning of the ware.

It was the burial custom of the Caddie trlbes to place within the grave such articles as the dead member valued—stone arrowheads and flint spears and tomahawks for the men and pottery, beads and paint for the women who worked with such things. Any work in stone or wood was considered a man's work, while that of pottery, and basketry belonged to the women.

The belief was that the spirit of the departed went to a house in the Beyond, where he lived in peace and plenty until his relatives could come, bence the burial offering for his use in the next world. These are mute evidences of the Indian's answer to the age-old question of mortals, "If a man die, shall he live again?"

The first pottery brought to Russellville two weeks ago attracted attention by its variety and size. There were a number of pots of two or three gallon capacity, yet aimost as light as aluminum ware. Other pieces were of pelychreme, made of a light yeliow clay, rather thick in texture. Many water-botties were a lustrous black, with designs etched, lacised and engraved. Some of these had red paint rubbed into the designs to give a relief effect.

One of the quaintest pieces of the ware just found, is a red ocher waterbottie, with a perfect frog-head forming the neck. The foreiegs and mottled front of the frog's body are outlined in raised work, decorating all of one side of the bottie. There are even warts going around the frog's neck in a most naturalistic manner.

The red ware was made by a two-burning process, first firing the pieces and then dipping it in a siip of red ciap or ocher, and then firing it a second time. Another dainty piece is a vase with basket handles, perfectly mouided, with a smail flared mouth at the top of the hollow handle. This is a bright red in color. Other water bottles and vases have designs in scroll and mender, done in red paint outlined with white.

A large conical shaped bowl has a quaint design of oak leaves, of red outlined with white, and has a splendid fuster. Many of these pieces were eagerly bought by collectors and have found their way to eastern museums and connoisseurs. When one considers that the Indian had no molds or lathes, no tools some a smooth stone or pebble to work with, the skill with which these vessels were made, is marvelous.

One piece of great antiquity is a very small bowl, crumbling, its red paint beginning to fall into flakes. This has a crude design, painted with the fingers, on the inside of the bowl. On the outside, at each quarter mark, are four nodes perfectly joined or extended outward before the firing. These represent the four winds. Several bits of paint have been taken out, a quantity of red ocher, some white paint in a small very old cup, and some of bluish gray, which is of glutinous consistency when moistened.

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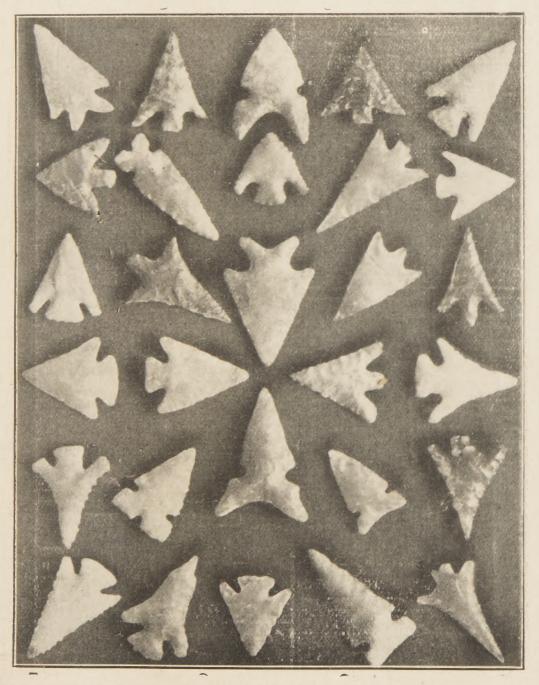
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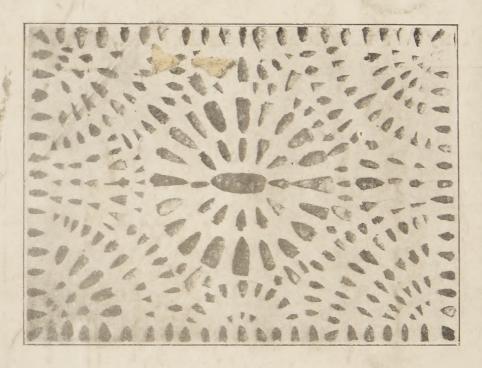
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OUR ILLUSTRATIONS.

Little Gray Country, Wisconsin Cross Roads Home Holds One of Finest Collections on President Lincoln.

It really ought to be called "book-lovers' lane," for a book-lover lives in the cottage and other book-lovers from the great cities travel along the cross-roads to climb the hill and enter the friendly door. And they all love books of a single theme—Abraham Lincoln. The house is filled to overflowing with them. Its owner, Albert H. Griffith, is proud to be known as a collector of Lincoln books. Besides that, he is a justice of the peace, a notary public, a farmer, and occasionally he preaches a sermon.

One winter evening more than a score of years ago, Mr. Griffith was busy in the cozy living room of Bonnie View cottage, making a catalogue of his library. There were books on United States history and the lives of all the English sovereigns and much general literature, but it seemed as though almost every other book Mr. Griffith took up, related in some way to the life and times of Abraham Lincoln. He laid down his pen and thought a moment.

A little later there fell into his hands a catalogue of the books of a veteran Lincoln book dealer of New York city, and a copy of Ritchie's list of Lincoln books in the library of congress. They further stimulated his desire to own a really good collection of Lincoln material. He procured Judge Daniel Fish's Lincoln bibliography and added to his nucleus as it suggested. New avenues have constantly opened. Mr. Griffith has either met or become acquainted with all of the well known collectors of material about the martyred president and has added to his collection until it has literally "taken" the little gray cottage. Every room is filled with the Lincoln books and papers. Sometimes the owner of the collection is forced to stand guard over his treasures to save them from some enterprising junk dealer who cannot see the use of so many books and papers in such a tiny house.

The gray cottage holds an immense amount of collateral Lincoln material—Civil war and slavery items, memoirs money for the almost priceless collection. He assured Mr. Griffith that his old books and papers were worth as much as \$50 as waste paper for the mills. And when the owner refused to sell he inquired eagerly whether the farmer-minister, too, was going into the waste-paper business.

Mr. Griffith's collection includes biographies of Lincoln in almost all written languages, even in Japanese and Hawaiian. He has a goodly number of contemporary funeral eulogies and sermons and numerous political pamphlets referring to Lincoln. The abusive literature of the Civil war period, in which Lincoln is held up to ridicule and contempt, is all in the collection.

His library is especially rich in recent Lincoln items—it is probable that he has the largest collection of these in existence and he is considered an authority on this phase of Lincoln literature. Daniel Fish, the eminent authority on Lincoln literature, recently said: "Mr. Griffith seems to be nearer the source of information than I ever was."

Mr. Griffith owns a copy of the rare "Transactions of the Wisconsin State Agricultural Society for 1858-1859," in which is Lincoln's speech at the state fair at Milwaukee, September 30, 1859, when he congratulated the late James A. Bryden on winning the prize for plowing the best furrow.

One section of the book shelves is devoted to certain books that are exceedingly difficult to acquire. Among them are Scripp's Life of Lincoln,

the suppressed three-volume original edition of Herndon's Lincoln, The Hawaiian Pioneer Boy and biographies by J. Q. Howard and Charles Maltby.

On one of the shelves, apart, stand William A. Luby's Life of John Wilkes Booth and the famous "Causa Celebre" printed in Havana in 1865, and a life of Booth by James Woods printed in Berlin, Germany, in 1866.

In a large portfolio is the autograph collection. There are letters from Lincoln's three law partners, Stuart, Logan and Herndon, and there are legal papers entirely in the handwriting of Lincoln. Read down the old difficult common law pleading, until you come to the signature, "Lincoln & Herndon," and you will see the country lawyer listening patiently to the troubles of those who lived on the cross-roads.

Mr. Griffith shows a little card with its written message signed "A. Lincoln." You remember at once that the president was wont to use such cards for notes during the war. Sometimes the few inches of pasteboard with its brief signature passed a father through the lines that he might seek the body of his son on the battlefield and sometimes the penciled messages opened a prison door.

There are autographs of Hannibal Hamilin and Andrew Johnson, vice presidents during the Lincoln administration, and of Seward, Cameron, Stanton, Welles, Chase, Fessenden, McCullough, Harlan, Blair, Bates and Speed, members of his cabinet.

All of the great generals, both north and south, are represented by letters or documents, and the signatures of Lee and Beauregard lie close to that of Ulysses Grant.

There is a collection of the pamphlet literature of the presidential campaigns of 1856, 1860 and 1864, among them being a complete set of the proceedings of the national political conventions.

In the long winter evenings Mr. Griffith reads his books or he writes letters to others who collect Lincoln material. He has long maintained a correspondence with Judge Fish, an authority on Lincoln books, and Judd Stewart, a veteran collector. For many years before his death, he had the advice of Maj. Lambert, and recently J. B. Oakleaf, Moline, Ill., a trustee of Augustana college and one of the "big five" Lincoln collectors in this country, paid a visit to the little gray cottage. Mr. Oakleaf is compiling a bibliography of the Lincoln literature issued since 1906, the date of Judge Fish's list. Mr. Griffith is a great admirer of Dr. W. E. Barton, author of "The Soul of Abraham Lincoln" and "The Paternity of Abraham Lincoln."—From Milwaukee Journal.

LOOKING BACKWARD OR FRAGMENTS FROM A CHECKERED LIFE. MY LIFE STORY, CONDENSED.—By J. E. Handshaw. See Ad.

Learn as the years go bw, how he becomes a carpenter, a printer, a publisher of a little paper, then how a friend gave him a few old used postage stamps, which he sold for real money, and how later he became a stamp dealer, and as time went by, how he bought and owned an entire corporation, consisting of one of the largest stocks of stamps, and stamp and coin publications, etc., in the U. S. In some cases, stamps were sold by the pound and by the barrel, as you would sell potatoes, or apples.

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United States—1923 3c, violet, portrait of Lincoln has been issued in

coil form, perf. 10 vertically, impef. horizontally.

Austria—This country has a new series of Postage Due stamps; values are, 1,800 kr., 4,000 kr., and 6,000 kr., type of 1922 and plum color.

Canal Zone—The 1922 and 1923 issues of the U. S. have been surcharge for use there. Values are the 1c, 2c, 5c, 10c, 12c, 15c, 30c, 50c, \$1, ordinary stamps; 1c, 2c and 10c, Postage Due Stamps.

British Solomon Island—The third ultramarine on script watermarked paper has been issued.

Egypt-The 200 m. purple, King Fuad type has been placed on sale.

Italy—The 60c blue, type of the 1920 issue has appeared.

Liberia—Another new issue for this country. The values are 1c, yellow green; 2c, rose red and brown; 3c, lilac; 15c, yellow and blue. The above have been surcharge O. and S. for official use.

Portugal—The 20c green and 40c violet brown have appeared in this

country.

San Marino—The new 25c special delivery stamp has been surcharged "Cent 60" in black.

Tangier—The 2 fr. orange and pale blue, and 5 fr. blue and buff of French Morocco has been surcharged Tangier in black across the center of the stamp.

PAPERS DWELLING WITH CANCELED STAMPS.

Burbank, Cal.—Rev. A. Bucci has papered two rooms of his home here with 149,242 canceled postage stamps. More than thirty years were required in collecting the stamps, according to Bucci, and practically every nation in the world is represented in the geometrical designs of the wall borders and in the color schemes employed on walls and ceilings. On one of the ceilings is a design of the stars and stripes, with Italian stamps forming the blue field and American two-centers supplying the red stripes. The brown staff upholding the banner consists of Canadian stamps, while the white stripes of the flag are formed by the strips of bare ceiling remaining after Bucci completed his "paperhanging."—Sent by Page and Mardon.

STAMPS HERE, THERE AND EVERYWHERE.

These stamp exhibits are not shown together, but the visitor to Wembley will encounter them at every turn in the various pavilions to which they are appropriate. Thus there is pleasant seasoning of Philately peppered throughout the pleasant acreage of London show which will add a good deal of spice to the visits of philatelists to the great show.—Fortnightly.

ROMANCE OF STAMPS ATTRACTS COLLECTORS .- By Wm. C. Richards.

When a postage stamp that sold originally for two cents brings \$32,000 in a later sale, that seems to us to surpass for increasing values any of Ford's legitimate or Wallingford's nefarious enterprises.

But it did and it is coming to Detroit—this stamp that cost one pence in 1856 and brought \$32,000 a few years ago when an American outbid the King of England for it in a European auction room. It is due here, it is promised, as part of convention of the American Philatelic society in August.

The stamp, considered the most valuable in existence, was issued by British Guiana. It is known as the famous British Guiana error.

Detroit numbers notable collections. Some are specialized. Others take in the world. Dealers are tucked away amid mountainous piles of old postage in downtown offices. This man goes in for the postage of the British colonies, that one for errors, another for revenues, and a fourth for inverted centers.

Occasionally in a two-color stamp, with the border in one shade and the central oval in another, errors occur. The third stamp ever issued by Western Australia was made with a swan upside down. Seven United States stamps are made this way. Some of the 3, 15, 24 and 30 cent stamps of the United States in 1869 were printed in this topsy-turvy way, as were the 1, 2 and 5 cent stamps issued during the Pan-American exposition.

For some reason or other a sheet of 100 United States aeroplane stamps of the 24-cent denomination was printed in 1918 with the oval upside down and bought by Colonel E. H. R. Green, son of the famous Hetty Green. He retailed them for about \$250 apiece. Buyers who got them from him find today they can cash in on their investment at \$500 to \$700 profit.

C. F. Heyerman, Ford building, who is president of the American Philatelic society, boasted one of the best collections of these oddities some years ago. He is said to have received \$15,000 for the lot when he sold them. He still has a vast collection, with one of the original Boston Tea Party stamps as a prominent rarity.

Probably the best known collectors in Detroit are John Kay, the jeweler; Dr. Warren L. Babcock, superintendent of Grace hospital; William M. Swan, patent lawyer; H. W. Boers, who is to exhibit a book of Harding memorial stamps at the convention that probably will cause no inconsiderable envy; former Judge Franz Kuhn, president of the Michigan Telephone Co.; the late Theodore P. LaDue, who died in Florida recently and who owned the most complete collection of Canadian stamps; Henry Look, real estate man, who specializes in revenues; Freemont Woodruff, who has United States virtually complete and such oddities as the stamps issued experimentally by the United States on blue paper but never put into general use; General Charles A. Coolidge, father of philately in Detroit; C. H. Holden, who has made a number of queer and profitable finds in attics, and others too numerous to mention.

Abroad, King George is the leading stamp collector of Great Britain and has been tireless in seeking them since he was a midshipman on the Bacchante. Last May he displayed about 200 volumes of his collection at Buckingham palace to the delight of invited philatelists. A short time back King Ahmed Fuad, of Egypt, bought one of the finest collections of stamps of the Confederate states formed in this country. The late Earl of Crawford filled 50 volumes with United States stamps alone. The Marquis of Bute

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has spent so far about \$300,000, it is said, on stamps that came into existence during and after the World War. The collection of Colonel E. H. R. Green son of Hetty Green, is valued at \$2,000,000.

The dates of the convention here are August 12, 13 and 14.—Sent by Boers.

CROWDS ATTEND STAMP SHOW AT SEATTLE LIBRARY.

-Sent by Gilkison.

The "story of Mankind" in the twentieth century is reflected in the collections of curious stamps exhibited at the Seattle Public Library by the Washington State Philatelic Society.

There were the first queer old United States stamps of 1847, with Benjamin Franklin's face in faded brown ink, from a portrait by John B. Longacre, looking out from the 5-cent stamp, and Stuart's portrait of George Washington on the 10-cent kind.

There was even a marvelous cane made of 9,100 canceled stamps, pressed together one top of another, mostly red 2-centers, with an occasional green band of penny ones, all rounded and varnished and hard as wood.

"It took me two years to get the canceled stamps for the cane and make it." declared its owner, E. T. Frederich, president of the society.

Perrot has a collection of stamps used in air mail all over the world, and Henry C. Hitt had an exhibit of the triangular stamps of the Cape of Good Hope.—Seattle Post.

PHILATELIC TIT-BITS.

A Philatelic Year-Book will be published by William Butler of Toronto.

Queen Mary's doll house has a miniature collection in imitation from a volume of his Majesty's stamp collection. In London exhibition.

Greece will issue a stamp or two with a portrait of Lord Byron.

The new three cents Canadian carmine, transgresses the color of the U. P. U.

The three cents carmine imperforate is imperfect, says the Canadian Collectors.

When is a collection not a collection? When it lacks SPECIMENS.

Is the King's head on the side which is "never licked?"

Is the average collector concerned as to whether some stamps are catalogued at twenty-five hundred or three thousand each?

Did Phillips let the cat out of the bag when he said that New York dealers agreed not to outbid one another in the Ferari sale.

Since when was the "Knock Out" introduced in stamp sales?—Stamp Herald.

MAGIC PHILATELY.

There is something peculiarly fascinating in a philatelic lantern lecture. We found it so last week, when some sixty slides slid along the limelit screen, typifying the wellnigh inexhaustible phases of philatelic interest—geography, history, discovery, races, development of nationas, natural history, industry, transport, currencies, etc.—Stamp Collecting.

STAMPS AS COINS.

The first empire to use stamps as coins during the war, was Russia, and now we understand that France and Italy have run out of copper coins and are using stamps for small coins everywhere, even on tramway cars, shops, etc.

STAMPS FOR THE RICH.

Stamp collecting must now be listed among the hobbies of the rich. In the opinion of prominent New York collectors and dealers, the stamp hobby bids fair to supplant fine paintings and other bulky works of art in the estimation of those who make collections for collections' sake. One reason advanced for the change that is taking place is that modern living conditions do not afford space for bulky collections. Whereas a collection of valuable canvasses requires spacious halls and corridors, with proper lighting, a very valuable stamp collection can be carried in the vest pocket. Even the largest and most valuable collections are contained within a few volumes which fit into a bookcase. Stamp collecting first became a really international hobby, dealers say, in the early nineties. From 1893 to 1900 the hobby had a great following. Then it died down until 1912, since when the ranks of stamp enthusiasts have been steadily augmented. Today there are in the United States alone 50 or more collections which are worth between \$100,000 and \$200,000 each, while there are almost any number of collections valued from \$25,000 to \$75,000 each. The most valuable stamp in the world is said to be the British Guiana stamp now owned by Arthur Hind of Utica, N. Y. He competed with the King of England for this stamp and won. At the present time it is valued by dealers at about \$38,000 gold. About five years ago stamp collecting received a great impetus, since when prices have advanced greatly, placing some issues entirely out of reach of any but wealthy buyers. This has driven many collectors into the field of post cards and envelopes, but prices on these too, it is said, are advancing rapidly. Lately, there has been a big demand for stamps of the Confederate government, issued during the war of the rebellion. Old ramshackle buildings on the lower East Side have produced many rare stamps of the early days of the United States. Collectors say that the craze has extended to Europe, especially in Eugland, where there is a particular demand for stamps of the United States. Hardly a day passes in which there is not a stamp auction in New York. The same is true in London, and in Paris there is a regularly established stamp exchange.—Argentina Paper.

The New Zealand map stamp was not a success. It was not even lithographed! It looked like a lithograph, and not a good one at that. But the New Zealand Stamp Journal (March 1st, 1924), says that no stamps are produced by lithography at the N. Z. Government Printing Office. "From the 'mother die' which was engraved by Mr. W. R. Bock, of Wellington, an electrotype plate was manufactured, and the stamps were printed on chalk-surfaced ready-gummed paper. The first printing differed from later printings in that the top selvedge of the sheet was plain. In subsequent printings a thick bar of color broken into four parts extended along the top selvedge and in the last printing a short thick bar appeared above each stamp.

"The appearance of these bars of color was due to the addition of printer's rule to protect the plate where the strain of wear is greatest."

The stamp has been out of issue for some months at the larger post offices and apparently no further printings are being made.—Fortnightly.

Please do us the favor of telling all your friends—philatelic and otherwise—about WEST and join us in our campaign to increase the number of active collectors.

WAR CENSOR AND CANCELLATION MARKS .- By Ned H. Starbird.

(NOTE. In my last article under Africa, descriptions were only given under this head of British possessions and did not include all the various divisions of Africa, which will be taken up later. If any reader notices any omissions of any types not mentioned the writer would appreciate hearing about them for the benefit of our readers.)

AUSTRALIA.

1. Oblong type, two line border, 134x34; "Passed by" and "Censor" in two lines.

2. Oblong type, one line border, 11/2x3/4; "O. M. F.," "Released" and

"By Censor" in three lines.

3. Oval shaped type, two line border 3/8" apart, with a heavy outer third line. "Passed By" at top and between the border; "Censor" at bottom,

"4th M. D." in smaller type in center of oval.

4. Single ring, 1 1-16 inches, "Passed Censor" starting at left center and going around upper half of ring, "Brisbane" following the lower half. Dots separate upper part from lower. Across the center in a line is, 9 No. 15. Steel hand stamp, red ink. This type was only used on Brisbane mail.
5. Double ring, outer ring heavier, 1 inch. "CH 1" at top, crown in the

center; "Passed by Censor" in two lines at bottom. This was on mail from

Tasmania, an island belonging to Australia.

6. "Passed by Censor," in one line. Large rubber stamp, three inches long, 7-16 letters.

7. "Passed by Censor" in two lines, small letters.

8. Three varieties I have in this type. The word "Passed." in. long, 7-16" high. B-21/2 in. long, 5-16" high, letters broken. C-13/2 in. long, small letters.

Regarding the opening of letters and then resealing them, I find one type of sticker that was used most of the type. It was printed in red ink in two lines and read "Opened By," above and "Censor" below. No censors

One other type, but coming from Tasmania, was printed in black, one line, in 7-32 type, and read "Opened by Censor." No number appears on this

I find only one patriotic cancellation so far and that was issued at Perth, West Australia. It is 1% long, two parallel lines, one-eighth of an inch apart at top, "Help to win the war," "Buy war savings certificates," "Eligibles enlist" in three lines under each other; two lines at bottom like the top.

Two interesting poster stamps appear on the backs of letters. One shows a battleship under full steam, with the inscription: "Guard Your future. Buy a War Loan Bond." The other represents a woman with outstretched arms and reads: "For Freedom. Have you bought a War Loan Bond." They are both done in colors and at the bottom in fine print this phrase, "By authority A. J. Mullett: Gov't. Print.

MALTA.

- 1. Single ring 15-16 inches, words "Passed by Censor," starting near the lower left of ring and running around to lower right; a crown in the center; "No. 1085" across bottom of ring in a straight line.
- 2. One line rubber stamp, 2% in. long, words "Passed By Censor," the first letter of each word in capital letters.
- 3. Oval shape design 1 13-16 in. long, two lines 3-16 in. apart, with an outside heavy border; the word "Malta" between double lines at bottom, design at either side, starting from the design at the left of "Malta" and reading to the right are these words, "Free from prisoner of War." In the center are two capital letters "P. C." meaning passed censor. The card

on which this appears was sent from a German prisoner at Verdala Barracks, Malta.

One cover I have has been opened and a white sticker 53/4x11/2 was used to seal it up again. These words in black ink, ¼ in. type in one line appear, "Opened under martial law." This was in February of 1916.

MEXICO.

- 1. Double ring type, 3/8" between rings, starting at upper left in small letters, "Passed by Censor," two five pointed stars at bottom, one-half inch apart; number of censor in center. This was one of the American types of censor stamp and several variations are to be found.
- 2. Double oval type, two inches long, outer line heavy. Within the oval at top, "Passed by Censor" in a curved line; number in the center, three five pointed stars at bottom. So far I have only seen the above types on mail from Mexico. One charity stamp appears on the back of a cover which may be interesting to some of our readers. It is gray in color, in the upper left corner there is a cross, at the right corner a seal. The center in a circular shaped design is a wounded British soldier with a red cross nurse kneeling beside him and attending to his hand. Above the center are the words "British Red Cross Day" in three lines. In the lower left hand corner in a small circle is the date "Oct. 18th," to the right "1917." Between these two figures, the word "Mexico." No value is shown so no doubt they sold for no special value.

NEW ZEALAND.

1. Three line rubber stamp, 1% inches long. PASSED BY THE MILITARY CENSOR

N. Z.

2. Double ring type, 1% inches, outer line heavy. In the center the letters "P. C.", 34 of an inch high, at bottom in small letters "N. Z." Rubber

I have the following patriotic cancellations:

B

C

D

BUY SOME WAR LOAN CERTIFICATES WELLINGTON

> 11 OC-6-15P INVEST IN THE WAR LOAN

IT IS YOUR DUTY TO HELP THE WAR LOAN

AUCKLAND 9 AP-6 PM 1918

FILL THAT EMPTY JOB WITH AN UNEMPLOYED SOLDIER. RING REPATRIATION DEPT.

> CHRIST CHURCH 1919 12 MY-1 PM MORE FOOD MEANS VICTORY WASTE OF FOOD MEANS DEFEAT

WELLINGTON

25TE-5PM

GEOGRAPHY BY STAMPS.

Quite recently a young student attending grammar school, passed his examination in geography, with such high marks that caused a principal to make an investigation as to how this student gained his information. The result was, this student was very much advanced in collecting stamps, who described countries that his young teacher never heard of before. result is, there are several teachers of this school now ardent collectors.

THE USE OF THE PRECANCEL CATALOGUE.—By V. W. Rotnem.

Precancel stamps have been collected for over twenty years, but it was not until 1918 that a precancel catalogue was really established and the hobby became an important branch of U. S. stamp collecting. So many cities use precancels, that a collector needs a chronlogical array of the various issuances so that he may lay out his album and determine the scope of his activity as a collector. All items are numbered and priced, as well as being listed. Compilation has been such a task, that as yet, certain varieties have not been listed; but most of the subdivisions are chronicled, and in time, all will be.

In order to facilitate complete listing, the present catalogues have been issued in sections. The present sections are as follows:

| Perforated, | 12 | section, | sales | price\$ | 1.00 |
|---------------------------------|------|----------|--------|----------------------|------|
| Perforated, | 10 | section, | sales | price | 1.00 |
| Perforated, | 11 | section, | sale | price | .60 |
| New series section, sales price | | | | | .35 |
| Airplane, V | icto | ry and P | ilgrim | section, sales price | .40 |

The perforated 10 section is slated to appear Nov. 15, 1923. It is absolutely essential that you have a catalogue in order to properly appreciate the hobby. The perforated 10, 11 and new series sections are most essential for your purposes.

The first difficulty you will have with the catalogue will be in understanding the "universal type system." Many types are of the same style; for example, universal type 1 is used by a great number of cities. The catalogue illustrations show it as New York City, but this same style of type is used by fully 75 other cities. The illustration of the 29 or 30 universal types is what made possible the compilation of the present catalogue. The expense would have been prohibitive if this universal type system had not been devised. The term "universal" means that the types are used for many different cities. The examples given are key examples. The universal type chart is a hint for you to follow throughout the catalogue; you will find references to it in almost every city.

Besides the universal type system, each city has types of its own. Chicago, Ill., is a good example; city type 1 of Chicago, is illustrated in the perf. 12 section and is used only by Chicago, and was used in this style of type by Chicago. Type 2 was the same style of type, but included dates. Type 3, the current type, is set in the same style as Universal 1. Therefore in the catalogue this type is not illustrated but is chronicled as follows:

TYPE III "Universal type 1."

This same method of explanation is used throughout the catalogue. The fourth type which the city of Decatur, Ill., used also, was universal type 1. The first type which Danville, Ill., used was type 1. It happens that the third city type of Indianapolis was Universal type 3, but it also happens that Mishawaka, Ind., used the universal type 3 style as its first city type; for its second city type, universal 11 was used. It is also important to notice that in certain types only CAPITAL LETTERS are used. Printers refer to capital letters as "caps;" small letters are called lower case and L. C. is the common printer's abbreviation.

(To Be Continued.)

SOME ADVANTAGES OF PHILATELIC LITERATURE. —From Collectors' Fortnightly.

Now-a-days, when most collectors are concentrators, i.e., collectors of the issues of a chosen group of countries, or semi-specialists, and the follower of the general collection is becoming more and more like "Woodblock" errors, the demand for philatelic literature should be on the increase, and in saying most collectors I do not think the statement is too sweeping.

A great many collectors of this character cannot very well help making a rule to collect philatelic literature in addition to the stamps appertaining to their particular sphere of concentration or specialism. There are, I believe, a certain class of collectors to whom certain book reviews make such a strong appeal that they become desirous of seeing for themselves the book, or work, under notice, for instance, when the conversation begins to lag. A short while ago, in such a moment I remarked to a lady friend, "This is an interesting little book dealing with my hobby; just have a look through." She took the book and, although not paying much attention to the text, she found the illustrations very appealing. "These are lovely," she observed, drawing my attention to a page illustrating some Labuan views and other similar "picture" stamps. "If I collected," she continued, looking a little closer at the illustrations, "I think I should have stamps like these." Feeling pretty pleased at hearing this, I suggested "Now why not start a small collection yourself?" Of course she came up to my expectations and raised the usual objections, but after a little more persuasion she announced, "Yes, I think I will," and asked me to set her about starting. I told her I would get her some packets containing the kind of stamps which had taken her fancy. These arrived in the course of a few days, and she called to receive them, bringing with her a small album purchased from a stationer's en route. I gave her a few hints on collecting, lent her another of my beginner's books, and instructed her in the art of mounting, or hingeing. She has gone on collecting since then without a single break, and at present is a very keen collector and often comes to see me. Whereas in the days of old, when she used to fear I might begin talking "stamps" and make myself disagreeable to her, she now starts the topic herself. You will therefore observe that a philatelic library-even quite a small one-can be put to good service as a recruiting agent when used in the manner I have just

It saves a lot of time, and money as well, if one has a library of one's own, and—a minor point—it is very fascinating and encouraging to watch the shelves gradually filling. If the reader takes in any stamp magazines, endeavor to preserve them carefully; keep them clean and intact, and then, when the last number of the volume is out, get a bookbinder to bind them. This you will find is not at all expensive, and as a work of reference the volumes will pay for the trouble and expense of binding over and over again. In the event of binding proving too costly, or not being deemed worth while, put the numbers forming a volume, with the index in the first number, in a brown paper parcel and tie them up, taking care to write on the outside of the parcel the name, number and year of the volume, etc. This will keep all parts quite clean and secure, and you may refer to them for any particular item without any unnecessary bother or delay.

Get the habit of forming a stamp library, but do not let it absorb more than a trifle of your stamp allowance. It is a good habit because there is no greater incentive to study one's stamps. One often hears of book lovers who buy books and never read them; it sounds ridiculous, but there are thousands of collectors who buy stamps and never study them.

A reference beginner's book—"The New A. B. C. of Stamp Collecting." The author quotes therein, "We must consider . . . what pleasantness of teaching there is in books, how easy, how secret! How safely we lay bare the poverty of human ignorance to books without feeling shame!" To conclude this article, I cannot help adding how easy to add to one's knowledge when the subject is one's recreation, one's hobby, one's favorite postime!

PHILATELIST'S BARGAIN.

English Amateur Pays \$9.50 for Stamp Worth \$1,250.00.

The recently resumed sale of the world-famous stamp collection of M. Ferrari de la Renotiere provided a shrewd English Amateur with an exceptional bargain (from Paris). He secured a British tenpenny issue with watermarked emblem for \$9.50 as it was catalogued "doubtful." Now French experts have pronounced that the stamp is genuine and worth \$1,250.00.

The annual get-together gatherings of the various philatelic societies seem to be a bit earlier in assembling this year than usual and the marked increase in attendance and interest augurs well for the prosperity and growth of the hobby. Among the larger gatherings last month was that of The Texas Philatelic Association which held its 28th Annual Convention in Houston, April 20th and 21st. The visitors were royally entertained, among the attractions being a boat trip down the Houston Ship Channel to the San Jacinto Battle Grounds which was of especial interest to the Texan members and an elaborate banquet at The Elks Club. The exhibits of stamps were of a high order with the U. S. 1847 specialized collection of Mr. D. C. Hammatt of Topeka, Kansas, the Confederate Locals of Mr. Fred Green and the U.S. Locals of Mr. Louis Lenz receiving special admiration and envy. A great deal of credit is due Messrs. Schumacher, Herr and Lenz for their efforts to make the convention a success. A thousand miles further north plans too are being laid for a big philatelic gathering. The Winnipeg Philatelic Society having fixed September 17 to 20 for the Second Annual Canadian Stamp Exhibition and Philatelic Convention. This will be held at The Marlborough Hotel and His Excellency, The Governor General of Canada, Baron Byng of Vimy has graciously granted his distinguished patronage to this assembly.—American Philatelist.

Rossiter says: The Huguenot Walloon stamps are not going to be very common if we can believe the P. O. circular 53838 which was sent out to postmasters. This reads:

"This series of stamps will be issued in sheets of 50, and postmasters at central and direct accounting offices may draw requisitions for limited quantities.

The forging of surcharges on genuine European issues appears to be the most profitable occupation of stamp swindlers just now. They are said to be operating mostly in France, Germany and Italy. Some of the imitations have been so clever that the most expert judges have been deceived.

ADVERTISING CANCELLATIONS .- By M. Sorensen.

Sidney, Mont., in 4 lines: U. S. PROJECT LOWER YELLOWSTONE 60,000 FERTILE ACRES IRRIGATED.

This was reported some time previous, but was incomplete.

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Canada, in 4 lines: ADDRESS YOUR MAIL TO STREET AND NUMBER.

Ottawa, Ont., Canada, in 5 lines: INSURE PARCELS FOR GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND AT THE POST OFFICE.

Sherbrook, Que., Canada, in 4 lines, and in bothe French and English: METTEZ VOTRE ADRESSE SUR VOS EN TETES ET ENVELOPES. HAVE STREET ADDRESS ON ALL STATIONERY.

Brandon, Man., Canada, in 4 lines: SEE BRANDON WINTER FAIR MARCH 3RD TO 7TH, 1924.

Trois Rivieres, Que., Canada, French in 4 lines and English in 3 lines: INDIQUES VOTRE ADRESSE SUR TOUS VOS ENVOIS. PLACE YOUR ADDRESS ON ALL MAIL.

Toronto, Ont., Canada, in 4 lines: YOUR POSTMAN SELLS STAMPS.
Montreal, Que., Canada, in 5 lines, and in French and English: FAITES
VOS DEPOTS DE BONNE HEURE ET PROFITEZ DES EXPEDITIONS DU
MIDI. MAIL EARLY AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF MIDDAY MAILS.

Detroit, Mich., and many other offices, in 5 lines: LET'S GO! CITIZENS MILITARY TRAINING CAMPS. Many offices are using a 3 line pattern with the same slogan.

Winnipeg, Man., Canada, in 4 lines: PROTECT THE BIRDS AND HELP THE CROPS.

Calgary, Alta., Canada, in 4 lines: CALGARY BOYS' FAIR Y. M. C. A. APR. 23-26, 1924.

Edmonton, Alta., Canada, in 5 lines: DON'T FAIL TO VISIT POSTAL EXHIBIT AT EDMONTON EXHIBITION JULY 14-19.

Montreal, Que., Canada, bi-lingual, in 6 lines: MONTREAL HOME BEAUTIFUL EXPOSITION. DE L'EMBELLISSEMENT DU FOYER APRIL 12-26 AVRIL.

REVENUE STAMPS PAY WELL.

A striking object lesson was presented at an auction sale of postage stamps of the high favor with which United States revenue stamps are regarded by philatelists. While few collectors, in comparison with those who collect the adhesive postal issues, are interested in revenue stamps, the number is sufficiently large to arouse keen competition for the rarities of the earlier issues. The highest price paid for a single stamp was \$185 for a pair of the 1-cent of the second revenue issue with the center inverted. The stamps were canceled, and so far as is known no similar pair is in existence. For a 10-cent used copy of the same issue \$59 was paid, being \$4 given the standard catalogue value.

A record auction price of \$145 was paid for a pair of the \$2 conveyance revenue stamps, first issue, being \$130 more than the catalogue valuation. One of the stamps had what is known as the rare stitch watermark. A 1-cent proprietary stamp with the center inverted, on green paper, sold for \$120. For the \$200 revenue stamp, perforated, of the first issue \$91 was paid, and \$71 was the high bid for a 6-cent proprietary stamp of the first perforated issue.—Clipping from Chicago.

RARE LOCAL STAMP FOUND IN ST. LOUIS.—Sent by Page.

Seventy-five years ago, among the many privately printed postage stamps for the delivery of local mail, there was issuel in St. Louis a small oblong stamp bearing the words, in three lines, "Clark & Hall's Penny Post, One Cent." One of these stamps was used to prepay an envelope addressed to Miss Eliza Pettus of St. Charles, Mo., in 1849. It evidently contained a valentine, for the envelope is of the fancy lace bordered type so common more than a generation ago, when the sending of valentines was a more popular custom than is the case today. The color of the stamp is pink.

The young woman who received the valentine was a relative of Morrison Pettus, a St. Louis lawyer, and he discovered it a short time ago among a mass of old family letters, several of which contain rare stamps of the early United States issues. Mr. Pettus sent a photograph of the envelope to a New York philatelist, and when it was shown to Henry C. Needham, a lawyer, who is acknowledged to be authority on United States locals, the latter pronounced it a unique copy.

"The study of United States local stamps has been carried on with such thoroughness in recent years," said Mr. Needham, yesterday, "that only at rare intervals does anything new come to light. The discovery of a hitherto unknown issue is an event in the local philatelic world and the St. Louis 'Penny Post' found by Mr. Pettus is very interesting. Of many of our rarest locals only a few copies are known. Their scarcity is due to the fact that the envelopes were invariably thrown away. The local postage stamps played an important part in the postal history and development of our country. They have never attracted a large number of collectors, perhaps from the difficulty of getting anything like a complete collection."

Mr. Needhfam has not only been collecting United States locals for several years but he has also made a scientific and historical study of the subject. He has in his office a two volume typewritten book in which all the various issues and their postal uses are explained. The book will probably be printed in the near future and it will be a valuable contribution to a little known philatelic phase of United States stamps issued outside of Government regulations.

While it is difficult to place a financial value upon the local discovered by Mr. Pettus., Mr. Needham predicted that one or two collectors of this city would be glad to pay a few hundred dollars for it.

The grandfather of Mr. Pettus was William G. Pettus and he was Secretary of State of Missouri in 1822 when the seal of the State was adopted. Missouri became a State in 1820 and Governor McNair in 1822 authorized Mr. Pettus to prepare the official seal, giving him the option of using the figure of a grizzly or a white bear. Mr. Pettus chose the Missouri grizzly bear. The seal with a well engraved figure of the bear appeared on the postmasters' St. Louis stamps issued in 1845 and 1846, the first adhesive stamps in that State, which preceded the first Government issue in 1847. They were issued in three denominations, 5, 10 and 20 cents. They are all worth several hundred dollars apiece and Mr. Pettus has among his letters ten envelopes addressed to his grandfather and father bearing the St. Louis provisionals, nine being of the 5-cent variety and one of the 10-cent value.

Besides these philatelic gems, which Mr. Pettus values more for their sentimental associations than for the \$1.000 to \$2,000 for which he might sell them, he discovered among his old letters several postmarked envelopes with

copies of the 5 and 10 cent stamps of the first United States issue, 1847, a beautiful copy of the 1-cent 1851 issue with the unusual "Steam" postmark and several of the 1, 3 and 10-cent copies of the 1851 to 1862 issues with town postmarks, one of the 10-cent stamps having a Portland, Ore., postmark of April 22, 1862.

His find also disclosed half a dozen envelopes sent from the War Department, two envelopes being in the handwriting of General William T. Sherman, addressed to Mrs. Euphrasia Mackay at Rome, Italy. One of these has a pair of the special War Department 12-cent stamps, one 6-cent stamp in addition to the 3-cent envelope stamp. Still another has a pair of 12's and one sent to London has three 6-cent department stamps. These special department stamps were discontinued many years ago and they are very scarce on the original envelopes.—N. Y. Times.

STAMP LOVERS' LEAGUE HELPS CLUB MEMBERS .- Sent by Martin.

An organization known as the Stamp Lovers' League, which was started with four clubs in New Jersey more than a year ago, has been endeavoring to make it easy for members to exchange their duplicate stamps for copies they do not possess. The system is arranged by monthly circuits, the books of stamps being held by each club for the perusal of members for one month, and then they are sent on to another club. The plan has worked so well that three additional clubs, including one in Brooklyn and one in this city, have joined the league, making a membership of seven.

The oldest club in the league is the Rutherford Stamp Club, of which C. Maarschalk is president. It has been in existence six years and recently formed a junior auxiliary which has several young philtelists from twelve to seventeen years of age. The other clubs are the Hudson County Stamp Club of West Hohoken, the Philatelic Society of the Oranges with head-quarters in East Orange, the Newark Stamp Club, the Passaic Stamp Club, the Workmen's Stamp Club of 342 West Eighty-fifth Street, Manhattan, and the Stamp Collectors' Club of Brooklyn.

The president of the league is W. O. Staeb, and E. Weiss is secretary. The offices are in the rooms of the Rutherford Stamp Club, 10 Ames Place, Rutherford, N. J.

INVEST NOW.

The stamp dealing fraternity has not entirely recovered the depressing influence of the last two years, but when all published indications point to an increasing volume in the country's trade as a whole, almost every paper reports company results which exceed those of previous years, dividends are being maintained and increased, and large sums put back into business by way of reserve, the stamp trade must benefit from the greater amount of money set free. This inevitably means a greater demand for good stamps suitable for investment, and we predict that this will be reflected in the next edition of most stamp catalogues. In many lines, today is the investors opportunity, and not least in the direction of stamps.

MICHIGAN STAMP CLUB BANQUET.

The tenth annual banquet of the club was held March 15 with forty-two members present. President Hoskins acted as toastmaster and short addresses were made by Messrs. Kay, Dworkowsky, Maher, Fratcher, Meiers, Lupfer, Brisley and ———, giving interesting experiences in collecting.

UTAH CIGARET TAX STAMPS .- By Green.

As May 7 marks the completion of one year's use of stamps by the State of Utah, for the collection of cigaret tax, it may not be amiss to record certain information regarding this issue.

After inspection of the various bids for the production of these stamps, with the several designs submitted, it was decided to use a design originated in the Treasurer of State's office, consisting of an Indian head as the central motif, and the contract was awarded to the Utah Lithographing Co., through a subsidiary, the Rocky Mountain Bank Note Company.

A die was engraved for the Indian head and frame, the words and figures of value being inserted on the lithographic transfers. This latter portion of the design appears to have been drawn five times for the ½c value and twice for each of the others, resulting in that number of slightly differing types. These types are so repeated in the sheet that any horizontal pair (or strip of five in the case of the ½c) will show both (or all) types, while a vertical strip will be all of the same type. Exceptions to this arrangement are negligible. All values are issued in sheets of 100 subjects, 10x10 and those values least used also come in sheets of 50, 10 hor by 5 vert.

After delivery by the printers to the Treasurer, the stamps are punched, as a control, by 38 small holes arranged to form the word UTAH, 6mm high by 13½mm long. The machine used for this purpose punches one horizontal row of ten stamps at an operation, and it may be seen that there is some difficulty in locating the punch exactly on the stamp as off-cented specimens may be found reading UTAH, TAHU, AHUT, HUTA, and in marginal copies UTA, UT, TAH, AH, etc; as well as possible stamps from outside rows not punched at all. Also vertical misplacements, both double and omitted rows have been observed; while no particular care is used as to whether the sheet is fed normal or inverted, albeit the normal is more common. It is not thought that any sheets have been fed to the machine with the gummed side up. Early in 1924 many broken teeth in the punching machine were noticed, and it was finally "laid off" for one day for repairs; and while most of the stock for that day was on hand already punched, some values were exhausted and stamps sold to dealers without punching.

Following are the total quantities delivered to the Treasurer during the year (figures of April 20, 1924):

½c, 105,000; 1c, 2,050,000; 1 1-5c, 73,000; 1½c, 588,900; 2c, 10,753,000; 2 2-5c, 120,000.

Check lists of varieties that have been met with to date, punching UTAH: ½c, olive, normal; 1c, orange ,normal, invert, double invert, omitted; 1 1-5c, rose, normal; 1½c, emerald, normal, invert; 2c, blue, normal, invert, omitted; 2 2-5c, brown ,normal.

KNIGHTHOOD FOR COLLECTOR.

Dr. Henry L. Ferguson, Dean of the Medical Faculty of Otago University, and vice-president of the Philatelic Society of New Zealand, was one of the recent recipients of a knighthood in recognition of his contributions to the knowledge of surgery.—Philatelic Magazine.

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"OBSERVATION ON LIFE AND HOBBIES."-by Wearie Willy.

Yes, life. What is life? Way back in the years of 70's the narrator received from his uncle from Havre, France, a box, about the size of a tomato box, holding two dozen of large cans, full of cancelled stamps. Now if you look in the catalogue, what are the stamps of 1870-75 worth? The box contained stamps of Germany, France, Great Britain and a few miscellaneous.

The German were the first and second issues of the groschen values, no kreuzer, of the new German Empire; France, the Napoleon, and Ceres head, of the years 1863-73. And England, the issues of 1865-75. Among them over 200 of the 5 sh. 1867. Think of it; the multitude of plat varieties, pairs and blocks. He cannot remember the final outcome, what became of all these stamps. They went just like the international firm with branches in Hamburg. Havre, London and Hayti. He told me that his first grief came, when a neighbor's boy, fatally hurt at a rugby football game between two schools. looks over his collection and absconds a 5sh. 1864 and that his grandmother tried to stay his grief. Remembers the first visit to a stamp dealer, and how proud he was to select the stamps he liked. The visit to a stamp importer, saw the stamps of Guatemala of 1874 in bales, stacked up, and received a set. The time when the firm went on the rocks, that he sold his stamp collection for 100 marks, retaining a few entires, and left the country. A greenhorn, stranded, feeling the pangs of hunger he sold a perfect Thurn and Taxis envelope with the seal of a prince intact to a dealer for a few dollars. This was his last transaction in stamps for many years. Got married, and in the stress of life forgot stamps, but he told me that he is a collector again. He got children, and hopes when they are grown, that he not go into the discart, but cherished as a rarity. That is all as far Wearie Willy is concerned.

This is simply a little story from life. But we should all have our hobbies. No matter what we collect. If you spend your spare time in gathering cups and saucers, firearms, butterflies (but why take life?), coins, not cash in the bank (though necessary). The mere gathering is not the real thing, it is research what cultivates the mind and eventually educates the personal character. Class distinction fades when two lovers of a hobby meet. One may have stamps valued at 50 dollars each, the clerk only a specialized collection of common U. S. one and two cents, but he can give more information on the origin and why they have been issued. Values fade away and the two meet on the plain where the joy of collecting is only considered. It is a pity that a stamp collector frowns on the one who is interested in sidelines. Are not postal cards, envelopes, foreign revenue stamps just as interesting? Tell me. When I tell you that the little label used on registered mail finds its collectors. I know three. One in Berlin, one in Canada, and a third in N. Y. The postage stamp collector laughs in pity. The collector of exhibition and propaganda labels is a nut, or the collector of cigar bands is a fool. You spend your money; they do so also. After buying home, live in it for many years, do you get your value in cash out of it? No, but you have had your full value in the home-life; so it is with your hobby. The hobby cost your time, if not money, but the peace of mind equals the pecuniary loss. Do you think that the collection of 15,000 foreign revenues made me a mint? No, postage stamps would have paid many times more, but the unknown and study is a compensation. They haggle on those collector-dealers. It is the natural outcome of a class of humanity, who are not blessed with too much worldly wealth, still love their hobby, and to increase the collection sell or trade their duplicates.

One thing Weary told me, when he goes in the hills prospecting that he would not trade with the owner of a million dollar collection if he was compelled to sit in a luxurious den, smoking expensive havanas examining his treasure. He prefers to sit by the camp fire, preparing his frugal supper. He be in God's country. May be he is right.—Oscar T. Hartman, Foreign Revenue Nut.

OLD GERMAN STAMP SOLD HERE FOR \$73 .- Sent by Martin.

Evidence of an increasing interest in the early German stamps, especially those used by the various states and free cities prior to the formation of the German Confederation, were seen last week at the sale of the collection of the late Dr. Alfred Schirmer of Chicago.

The stamps were sold at the Collectors' Club. Seventy-three dollars was paid for the first adhesive stamp issued by Saxony, a 3 prennig, red, 1850. It was an excellent, lightly-cancelled copy.

The stamp is one of the most valuable of the early German issues and is valued by the Scott standard catalogue at \$350, an advance of \$50 having been made within the last year. In view of the marked difference between the public sale price and that of the catalogue, it would seem as though it were over-priced although such striking differences frequently appear in the auction room.

On the other hand, many of the less valuable stamps, when on original envelopes or in good pairs and strips, brought prices higher than the catalogue rate, indicating the increasing demand for old stamps on envelopes. A ½ groschen of Hanover, 1859, on the cover, sold for \$12.75; a strip of three of the 1-30 denomination, 1856, went for \$8.25, and a 1-30, of 1851, on the cover sold for \$4.35, all exceeding the catalogue values for individual copies. A Hanover 10 groschen, 1859, with a 3 groschen stamp, on the envelope, brought \$20.50, and a ½ groschen, on cover, 1864, sold for \$18.

A strip of three of the 4 ptennig, Prussia, 1850, sold for \$13. Fair prices were obtained for some of the Oldenburgs, a fine canceled copy of the ½ groschen, red brown, 1861, going for \$27.50, while \$22 was paid for the same value in the brown shade. A 1-15, of 1852, on the envelope, sold for \$13.75, considerably above the standard value for the single stamp. A fine pair of the 2½ Lubeck, brown error, 1859, with a 2 schilling, sold for \$22.50 and six German Samoa stamps on four envelopes, used in Samoa, sold for \$10.75.

West welcomes to the circle only California paper left of American philatelic periodicals, The Traveling Salesman, edited by Nathan R. Stiles, whose philatelic writings have frequently appeared in various publications, and published at Long Beach, California.

This newest of stamp journals, now in its fifth month, not only covers the philatelic news field, but also features stamp fiction both short and long stories. In the October number a novel distinctly philatelic in flavor entitled "The Missing Millbury" was started as a serial to run through eight numbers to a surprising finish. The story is from the pen of Mr. Stiles who asserts that "The Missing Millbury" is the first American novel devoted to stamps.

DR. CHASE TELLS OF FAMOUS 1851 STAMP .- Sent by Mardon.

The pleasures and difficulties of the art of "plating" early United States postage stamps were told to the Boston society last evening by Dr. Chase of New York, a noted expert on the subject. He is a surgeon who rose to be a major in the French Army during the war.

Dr. Chase's subject was the three-cent stamp of 1851, which was of the third issue in this country. He exhibited a number of reconstructed plates. He explained that from the original die made for the 1851 three-cent stamp 13 plates were made. These each had 200 stamp impressions.

After the plates were made, he said, each stamp impression was touched up slightly, so that on any one plate each stamp would be slightly different from any other.

The art of stamp "plating," he said, consists of collecting stamps of this issue, examining them under a magnifying glass, and pasting them up so that each stamp has the same place it would have on a proof sheet of the entire plate! This is done by collecting the stamps in pairs and strips. Then, when one stamp is placed, and an end stamp of a strip is identical with it, the identical stamps may be pasted one over the other, thus placing the other stamps in the strip correctly on the plate. If this process is continued, the plate eventually is filled.

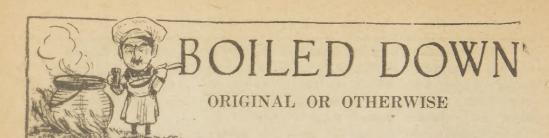
Dr. Chase said that of the 2,600 different types of stamps on the 13 plates of the 1851 series, he now has secured 2,100 specimens. He does not expect to finish some of the plates, but he is within one or two stamps of finishing others.

"Stamp Collecting" gives some interesting particulars in regard to the new German Charity stamps:—

The central design represents St. Elizabeth carrying out various acts of charity. Around it is one or other of the inscriptions quoted last week and the words "DEUTSCHE NOTHILFE" (German Charity). In the upper left and right corners are the values; below the circle with the design are the words "DEUTSCHES REICH" in a frame. The central subjects are taken from the famous paintings of Moritz von Schwind, who created these works of art in 1854, when the Grand Duke Carl Alexander, the nephew of Carl August of Saxe-Weimar-Eisenach, commenced with the restoration of Wartburg Castle. In addition to a number of large paintings, von Schwind executed seven smaller circular paintings representing Saint Elizabeth carrying out the seven acts of charity: Feeding the hungry, Visiting the sick, Giving drink to the thirsty, Clothing the naked, Giving shelter to the stranger, Comforting the prisoner, and Burying the dead.

Elizabeth was "Landgrafin of Thuringia in the time of the Hohenstaufens. Born in 1207, she was, at the age of four, betrothed in 1211 to Ludwig, whom she lost when she was twenty years of age. Immediately after his death she and her four children were turned out of Wartburg Castle, and she went to Marburg, where she carried out acts of charity with zeal almost bordering on fanaticism. She died four years later, and is buried in a sarcophagus of silver in Elizabeth Church at Marburg. The eight hundredth Jubilee of Wartburg Castle was celebrated in 1867, when Franz Liszt conducted the first public performance of his 'Legend of Saint Elizabeth' in the great banqueting hall of the castle."

We learn that these labels are sold at four times face value at German post offices, and that five millions of each denomination have been printed.



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The Hong Kong jubilee stamp, 1891, commemorated the founding of Hong Kong, 1841.

The largest perforation known is the "Sussee' perforation of France, 1853-60. The smallest is on the 1864-70 Tasmania. Neither perforation is official, both having been done privately.

Why put your albums away for the summer? Let's make 1924 an all-the-year stamp year!

On December 24, 1924, the Danish postal system will celebrate the 300th anniversary of the decree of King Christion IV., which established the present postal system, by the issue of a jubilee stamp. The value is not yet announced.

The island of Fiji has issued a ¼d stamp for local use on printed matter. Poland, following the example set by Germany, is now issuing stamps of the denomination of 1,000,000 marks and greater.

Readers are warned to exercise extreme caution in purchasing any copies, either used or unused, of the Kermanshah Provisionals, as a quantity of forgeries are in circulation.

Readers are urged to exercise every caution in purchasing German provisionals. Several dealers have been offered blocks and sheets of the inverted "8" surcharge, with every stamp inverted, whereas this rarity occurs only once on a sheet.

Collectors attach more weight to the opinions of others, than to the opinions of the dealers who are trying to sell them their wares. If the opinions come from experts recognized by collectors the world over they are considered final.

Trans Jordania, which has hitherto used postage stamps of Palestine specially overprinted Sharq ul Urdun (East of Jordan), is now to issue its own stamps with designs of Emir Abdullah's winter palace and an Arab riding a camel.

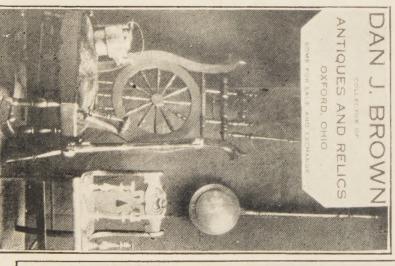
Expert committees are an insurance premium on the fallibility of stamp dealers.

Stamp collecting is perhaps the greatest aid to studying detail and from the study of our stamps we learn geography, color, papers, perforations, historical events and changes in governments. From studying stamps we also acquire the habit of paying attention to detail and you will invariably find that a boy who collects stamps is far better posted than a boy who is dependent solely on his text book.

Bulgaria is using its postage due stamps without surcharge of any kind, as regular postage stamps.

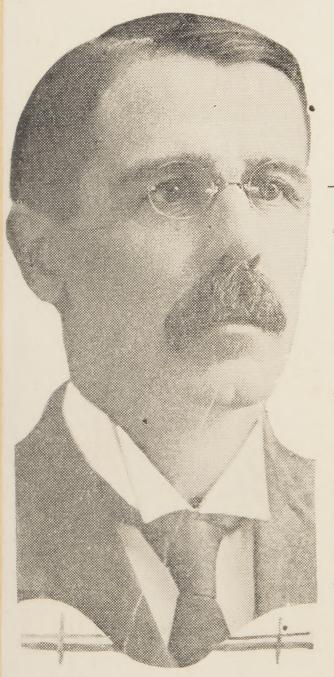


J. E. HANDSHAW, New York City.
See his ad. He wrote book Looking Backwards. Man who bought out J. W Scott, veteran stamp dealer.



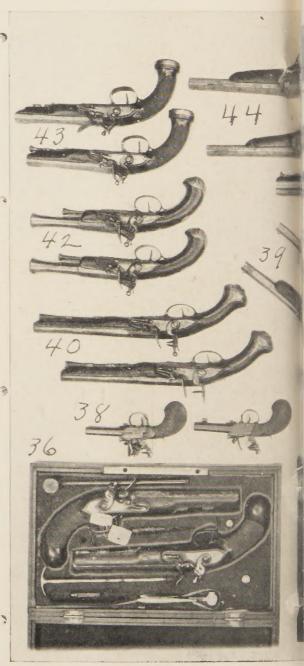
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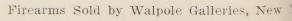
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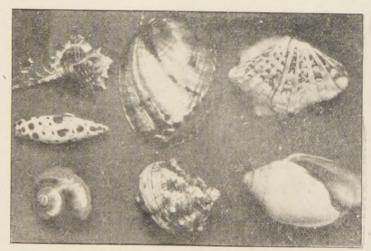
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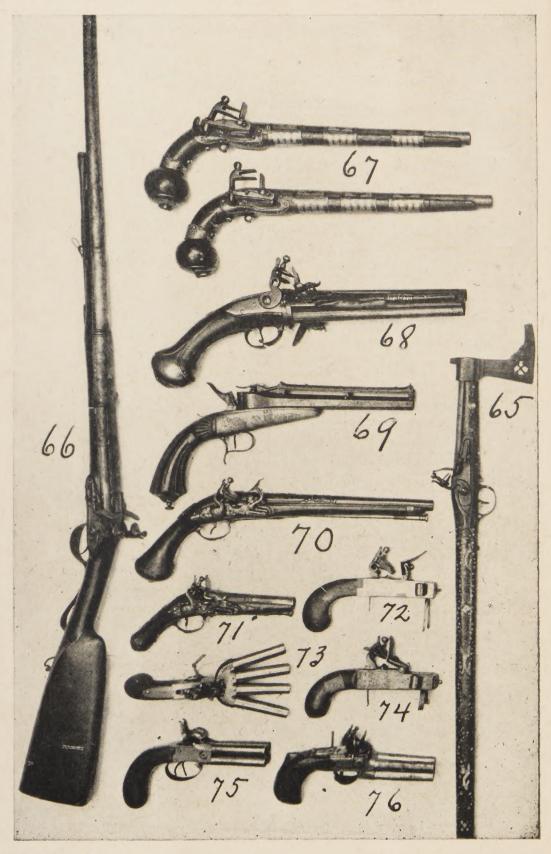
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SOME SCARCE SHELLS





Firearms Sold by Walpole Galleries, New York. See Ad of Dexter, Marshalltown, Ia.



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The government is getting out a new one-dollar bill, the design of which will differ materially from the old torn rags that we have been yanking away from each other ever since the war.

The Treasury Department announces that the new design will be handsome and that the public will take to them quickly. That is very likely quite true. In fact, the government has never issued any piece of money, homely or beautiful, that the public has refused to accept.

Any bill or coin that the Treasury Department could invent would look good to some people. Even a square dime with a hole in the middle would find many takers.

The old one-dollar bill which in most cases looks like a lace handkerchief that has been used to wipe automobile axles will be retired.

There are certain important facts cencerning the new bills which should be known to the public, for instance:

The Treasury Department does not guarantee that the new one-dollar bills will buy any more than the old ones did.

While the new bills will be for distribution to everybody regardless of color, race, social standing or previous condition of servitude, nobody will be given any of these new bills without turning in an equal number of old ones. The old bills are not handsome and some of them are said to harbor microbes, but the government still places a certain value on them.

The new design has been made in order to make counterfeiting more difficult. But it also would be difficult to counterfeit one of the old, haggard one-dollar bills. It could not be done without running it through a concrete mixer and then giving it a bath in axle grease or shoe polish.

There is great interest in the new one-dollar bill. There would be very little interest in a new ten or twenty dollar bill, because a lot of people would never see one. But the one-dollar bill is not a curiosity.

Surrounded by countries whose currency is almost hopelessly depreciated, Czecho-Slovakia is justly proud of the value of its crown, and in celebration of the fifth anniversary of the republic a gold ducat has been issued by the ministry of finance.

Dr. Rasin, the first Minister of Finance, was the originator of the idea, but he passed away before his plan was realized. The ultimate goal of his labors and of his currency plan was, as is well known, the return to the gold standard, and his aim will continue to be the basic standpoint of the financial hope of the republic of Czecho-Slovakia.

At present the program can not be realized in view of the prevailing conditions in the international gold market, so the ducat is not issued as a legal tender, but for the time being commemorative of the first jubilee of the republic.

The new ducat weighs 3.49 gr. of gold, or as much as the Bohemian ducat in the time of John of Luxemburg. It contains 986 1.9 pure gold and 13 8-9 parts copper. The diameter is 19.75 mm., and its thickness 0.5 mm.

One side shows the state emblem, with inscriptions, and the reverse bears a likeness of the Duke Wencelaus.

This commemorative ducat is sold at a premium higher than the intrinsic value of the coin, and as the ducat is coined exclusively on the state's account, the gain is quite large. It will be applied to increase and build up the state gold reserve.

The Petrograd mint, it is officially announced, has resumed the coinage of gold, silver and copper coins, which will replace the unguaranteed Soviet paper currency. During the revolution this mint turned out badges and medals for the red army, but now new machinery has been installed and day and night shifts are at work.

The total value of the paper money in circulation on January 1 was 70,000,000 gold rubles, or one-quarter of the guaranteed chervonetzi notes issued by the state bank. The chervonetz gold coin will have a value of about \$5.00 Silver will be coined in denominations from 10 kopeks to 1 ruble. There is an acute shortage of small change in Russia.

It is also stated that money coined during the Czar regime will be allowed to pass current. There is evidently a great amount of this hoarded.

Representative Wolff, of Missouri, has introduced a bill in the House authorizing the coinage of 2½ cent pieces. The bill provides for the striking of three varieties of the coin, in equal numbers, the varieties to consist of obverses bearing the partraits of Roosevelt, Harding and Wilson, with the dates, respectively, of their births and deaths, and the inscription, "In God We Trust." On the reverse would be the inscriptions, "E Pluribus Unum," "United States of America," and the denomination of the coin.

Uncle Sam is to have some brand new paper money. The Postoffice Department has just finished giving him a new set of postage stamps. Now the Treasury Department is finishing designs for United States notes, silver certificates and Federal Reserve notes up to denominations of \$100. Eventually the principle of the new designs will be extended to all other paper money.

Two purposes are being served in issuing the "new style" of currency. The first, of course, is to make it still more difficult for counterfeiting. The other purpose to be served is to aid banks in sorting various classes of currency.

The faces of the notes will carry portraits having a denominational significance. The \$1 notes of each class—silver certificates, United States notes and Federal Reserve notes—will have the portrait of Washington, the \$5 bill will carry the picture of Lincoln, \$20 bills that of Cleveland, \$50 bills that of Grant and \$100 bills that of Franklin. By following this plan it will also be more difficult to raise to a higher denomination.

A WEAPON SO FAMOUS THAT IT WAS "LOANED OUT."-By R. Thorp.

A history of this weapon would not be complete without a short history of the life of its owner.

Thomas A. Smith was born in Essex county, Virginia, in the year 1781. In 1803 he was appointed from civil life to the position of Ensign in the United States army, and later rose to the rank of Brigadier General.

As late as 1818 he was in command of Fort Bellefontaine, located at the mouth of Coldwater Creek, in St. Ferdinand township, St. Louis county, Missouri Territory.

It was prior to his appointment as ensign, and when he was stationed at Point Peter, Florida, in front of St. Augustine, while holding the Spaniards from advancing in the year 1802, that the pistol described below came into his possession, being presented to Smith by Colonel McIntosh of the U.S. army.

The pistol, a most perfect flint-lock of the double-cock pattern with a fine hair-trigger, bore the gold trade mark: "McDermot, Dublin." The barrel, ten and one-half inches long, of hexagonal shape, is provided with a patent breech, and the flash-pan and touch-holes are bushed and lined with gold. The forward sight is of silver, while the rear one is of the same metal as is the highly finished breech. Attached to the trigger-guard there is a finger hold for the middle finger, the better to grasp the piece firmly. The stock is of black walnut and is finely carved, but rough usage has left but few traces of the wood artist's skill. A comparatively recent break in the stock exposes the interior of the lock to view, but the more ancient fractures in the wood have been repaired with silver bands, adding materially to the ornamentation of the piece. The original ramrod has been lost but it has been replaced by one of similar construction.

After coming into the possession of Smith the weapon became famous, as he often loaned it to his friends to settle affairs of honor. When the Benton-Lucas duel took place, Thomas H. Benton borrowed the weapon from Smith and with it he killed his opponent. Although this was the most famous affair of honor in which the pistol figured, still there were several others of scarcely less historical importance.

An army officer whose name has been lost in oblivion christened the pistol "Sweet Lips." Anticipating a duel in which he was to figure as one of the principals, he wrote to Smith in advance to secure the loan of the weapon. Needless to say, he was also victorious, and the firearm has since been known only by the name given above. After the passing of the dueling days, Smith gave the pistol to his son, Dr. Crawford Early Smith, and it is now in the possession of Dr. Smith's daughter, Mrs. T. B. Hall, of Marshall, Missouri. Thomas A. Smith was a brother of the famous duelist, John T. Smith.

FIND PIONEER'S CACHE.

Ventura, Cal.—Fortune smiled faintly on F. W. Barron, an indigent former Canadian soldier, when he was cutting down an old pepper tree near here recently. As the tree fell he noticed a knot hole in one of the upper branches with a piece of decayed wood nailed across it. Pulling off the board, he caused a piece of old burlap to drop and with it a roll of bills. Barron found \$50, mostly of \$1 denomination and all of 1841 date—Sent by Martin.

CURIOS.—By Edward F. Hettinger. Brown Collection Most Popular.

Among the scores of exhibits in the state museum the most popular with visitors is the John Brown collection, according to W. E. Connelly, secretary of the State Historical society.

The John Brown relics are displayed in a large glass case. Here may be seen scores of mementoes of the famous Kansan, which recalls vividly the historic period during which he was leader of the cause to make Kansas a free state.

They include numerous weapons he possessed, notably a long handled pike, with which he was armed in the attack on Harper's ferry.

The last words penned by Brown were written in a crude perhaps a trembling hand, as Brown, imprisoned in the jail at Charleston, Va., awaiting execution on the following day. The original manuscript accompanied by a photograph of Brown in a glass covered frame is included in the exhibit.

"I, John Brown, am quite certain that the crime of this guilty land never will be purged away, but with blood," the manuscript reads. "I had, as I now think vainly flattered myself without very much bloodshed it might be done."

Brown was executed December 2, 1859, and less than two years later the country was plunged into Civil war.

The Columbia Missourian reports that a large crowd attended the sales of the late Samuel A. Nichols' effects, despite bad weather. Mr. Nichols died recently on the farm near Ashland where he was born and where his father settled nearly a century ago. When his belongings were sold they included household furniture used nearly a century, such as rope beds, hand-made tables, old bookcases and cabinets, a yoke of oxen, and ox cart, an old shingle machine and several hats which were the style a hundred years ago. Mr. Nichols had become locally famous because he continued to work his 200-acre farm with oxen to the time of his death.

There are many people who find a real collector's delight in neatly displaying, in albums, the baggage labels issued by many hotels.

Relic of Coolidge in Nebraska Home.

Danville, Ill.—Mrs. Chester S. Dines has in her possession the program of the graduation exercises of the Black River Academy, Ludlow, Vermont, of the class of 1890. The program lists Calvin J. Coolidge as secretary of the class and he delivered the class oration, his subject being "Oratory in History." Mrs. Dines found the program in an attic at her former home in Union, Neb., several months ago.

What is Your Hobby?

Almost everyone has had a hobby at one time or another. But it is in school days, when boys are between the ages of 12 and 16, that the hobby fever usually holds most dominant sway.

A few years ago, poster stamps were "all the rage" with school children. Local merchants were "pestered to death" by boys running in their stores asking for "posters."

Postage stamps have always been favorites, and collecting cigar bands, coins and other articles have been popular pastimes. One person of the

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writer's acquaintance knew a boy who spent much of his spare time hunting street car tokens from different cities.

New Collecting Fad.

Matchbox collecting is one of the latest hobbies, according to an English paper. The colored tops, of which there is an immense variety, are the objective. From Sweden comes pictures of the Tower of London, or Old Temple Bar, or a Zoo elephant with the howdah on its back packed with children. Another matchbox picture shows Trafalgar Square complete with lions. Boxes from Canada show a forest fire and bear the legend: Do not throw away burning matches, especially in the woods and other guard designs. From Holland comes a picture of Cleopatra's Needle, the Tower Bridge, and the Paiace of Peace at The Hague, from Russia a specimen of more originality, depicting a map of the British Isles in bright red.

One collector reports that he owns 2,500 varieties of matchbox covers, which have taken him many years to collect.

For the average collector, and for the masses of collectors who seek recreation and relaxation in the hobby these sideline—specialty—articles are of little interest and too brain-racking.

I believe that a bit more space devoted to art, beauty, history in a stamp and perhaps to its scarcity in relation to other stamps would go a long way to increase popularity and interest in stamp collecting.

These technical articles are alright for the man with a politician's job and with plenty of money.

But for the man who is working under a not less than 8 hours a day law and has very little time and money to spare, these scientific articles offer very little inducements to collect stamps for their charm.

After 30 years' collecting after the old school I tried my hand for a while at scientific collecting. Working full ten hours a day I soon found out that I had either to give up my job or quit chasing after deformities and defects on stamps.—Emco Circular.

It is computed that there are five times as many different kinds of insects as there are species of all other living things put together. Seventy years ago, the number of species of insects preserved in collections was about 170,000. Today it is estimated that there are 750,000 sorts, and that without counting the parasitic creatures. In Europe alone there are 350,000 species. Most insects live on trees or plants. There are known to be 450 sorts which make their home in oak trees, and about 200 in the pine. Of beetles alone the varieties exceed 190,000. The colonies of social insects contain enormous populations, those of ants and termites being the largest.—Dayton Journal.

There have been and ever will be collectors. Some have a hobby for coins and Notgeld, others display a fancy for butterflies; then there are many who collect fans, laces and buttons of every description, while there are some who are in earnest search of a thousand and one different articles in all their varieties.

Ask for it! The best way to get what you want is by asking for it. Those who ask through the West have thousands of chances of getting what they want.

INTERESTING INDIAN RELICS EXCAVATED AT RUSSELLVILLE, ARK.

(Continued from last issue.)

The early French and Spanish writers say that the Indians went to White Bluffs on the Mississippi for their paints and white clay. But the ridges and mounds usually contain pottery of various ages, and this is no exception. There is pottery at two hundred, four hundred and six hundred years of age or older, according to the experts who are classifying it.

Also some pottery has been found on the site of old Dwight Mission, probably 150 years of age, but this is Indian crude compared to that of the other. It has no decoration of any sort.

Quaint bowls with lids have been found in the ridge, made in the form of turtles and fishes. Some of these also, were found several years ago, near Dardenelle and are now in collection in the state capital building.

Many of the pots show much use and have four perfectly shaped handles for suspension over the campfire, or to hang up in the long grass lodges in which the caddie tribe lived. Eight to ten families lived in the lodge with a huge loft with canopied beds for sleeping quaraters. Their food supplies were kept in baskets and pots, and, often suspended from the loft by buckskin to make more room in the lower floor.

A number of ceremonial spears were taken from the ridge, these being used only on the breast of a dead chieftain, and were always 63 in number. These are beautifully chipped out of black and gray flint with as much precision as if they had been made by machinery. The modern Indian says that it took about two weeks or more to make one of the best spears or arrowheads, and the modern Red Man knew little of the art.

The caddie tribes allowed no idlers, but had officers who whipped the drones, by tying them face downward, and lashing them with canes on their backs and faces.

A part of their art consisted in the molding of a beautiful pipe, and the best one taken here has been one of fine yellow clay of a high luster made in the shape of a horse's head. The peculiarity of this pipe is that it is so proportioned that it may be turned either end up and it will still form the neck of a horse. The bowl extends back and upward off the neck of the animal.

Ocean shells, drilled lengthwise for several inches for ornaments set the spectator to guessing as to how the drilling was done, until one finds the long slender bone drills. These were fastened to the cord of a bow, and as the artists pulled the bowstring back and forth he applied coarse river sand into the hole being drilled and this helped force the drill through.

A small string of dainty little green beads, strung on sinew, proved to be of beaten sheet copper, rolled and perfectly cut into the bugle type of bead. There are only about enough to make a bracelet. Some pendants, of shell plates, had two holes drilled near the center, and were worn on the breast, suspended around the neck.

Scrapers, used for cleaning hides, celts for digging and chiseling, bunts, used for stunning animals which they did not wish to kill, and some articles whose use is a matter of conjecture, all serve to elevate the ancient Indian in our esteem. For these people lived before the mound-builders, and produced art vastly superior to that of the latter tribes.

There are many of these ridges still remaining unexcavated—some for lack of funds, some because the owners object. In these near Russellville,

the bones of the numerous skeletons encountered, have been carefully left unmolested. The skulls, which are of the amphibracchic type, and very yellow with age, are extremely interesting.

The tribes were not very prolific, the wives leaving a husband on very slight provocation, and when small-pox and marauding enemies slew many of them, the tribes became very small. During the war between the states, they went into Kansas, and have at the present time dwindled to a very small tribe.—Sent by E. T. Stevenson, Sallisaw, Okla.

NOTGELD-WAR MONEY.

History not only records progress but also the downfall of nations.

It is on a nation's bank notes or any other notes it puts into circulation to represent monetary value that its truest history is written.

During and shortly after the war a currency calamity prevailed in Eastern and Central Europe. Anything in the form of metallic coin such as copper and nickel coinage had been converted into destructive war material.

The towns deprived of the small coins were greatly hampered in carrying on their daily business, small merchants suffered losses and their customers were greatly inconvenienced, because nobody could make change.

To eliminate such losses and inconveniences the town authorities issued notes of small valuations for inter-communal use.

In this way business was carried on as usual. The issuance of these notes was an emergency measure, and that's why they are given the name of "emergency money" or "Notgeld."

Hundreds of towns issued these emergency notes, and every town endeavored to issue notes different from its neighboring town, which has resulted in a great variety.

As records of the history of these towns some of the notes have no parallel. Most all are in artistic designs, full of color, others record in rhyme or prose events of past and current history. Some boost their home industries, their produce. Towns which could boast of having a great man or celebrity as their native son did not neglect to pay tribute to him.

The notes of the various towns and cities vary in design, color, execution and denominations.

Who Buys These Notes?—Historical societies to preserve them as records of the past. Collectors, Numismatists, to satisfy their inclination and to build up their collections. Artists, Designers, Decorators, Printers, for new ideas, and to see how Europeans treat the various subjects.

But—Most people buy them simply to have some souvenir of the most tragic period of some countries in Eastern and Central Europe.

The price for these notes is not yet prohibitive. Time may come when buying is not possible at all.—Emco Circular.

COLLECTING LIQUOR BOTTLES.

O. O. McIntyre, the well known New York syndicate writer says: "Old liquor bottles are in demand by collectors. Some discarded ones that came from Moquin's cellars brought as high as \$150. A bachelor on Forty Seventh street has a room devoted to his display. He is said to have spent \$10,000 outfitting it. He calls it "The Haven of Lost Spirits'."

Have a good look first, and if you don't find it, advertise for it in the next number. West tells it, sells it—try one now.

THE BYRON REED COLLECTION.

The following is a brief account of the Byron Reed collection of coins and manuscripts, now in the possession of the Omaha Public Library. The collection is open to the public and occupies a large room on the third floor of the Library Building.

Byron Reed's father had founded a collection of rare books, manuscripts, autographs, coins and medals, and soon after coming to Omaha the son began adding to the collection, making it as complete as possible by employing for many years agents in New York and Philadelphia, who attended all sales of curios and bought up coins of ancient and modern times and other articles prized by collectors.

After obtaining a collection that at a fair valuation was worth \$75,000, Mr. Reed decided that in the event of his death it ought not to be kept from the public gaze or sold, and he resolved to donate it to the city. This resolve he carried out in his will, giving the city all the rare books, newspapers and periodicals, manuscripts, documents, autographs, coins and medals, together with the property at the corner of Nineteenth and Harney streets, upon which the Public Library building stands, the condition being that the city should erect a suitable library building and set aside space therein for the reception and maintenance of the collection and permit it to be seen by the public free of charge.

In the cases set apart for coins is one of the most interesting exhibits that can be found in any city upon the globe. Syria is represented by some pieces of money bearing the head in profile of Antiochus I, issued 246 years before Christ, while the head of Ptolemy II appears upon coins struck 284 years before Christ. There are Jewish coins of from 135 to 137 years before the birth of the Savior and in use at the time He was propounding His gospel in Jerusalem and throughout Palestine. These latter coins were issued by Herod, Pontius Pilate and Agrippa, who helped to make New Testament history.

Among other Jewish coins of this era was a small one made of copper, which is catalogued as the "widow's mite." The Roman Emperors Hadrian, Tiberius, Augustus, Titus, Vespasian and Constantine are also well represented, as are Popes Innocent, Benedict and Clement. There are many pieces struck by the English, French and Spanish monarchs from the tenth to the eighteenth century and bearing the likenesses of those rulers. Many of the larger coins are of gold and silver, while the smaller coins are copper or bronze. Some that are of undoubted antiquity are still bright, causing the spectator to wonder how they escaped the tarnishing finger of time. A notable coin in the Jewish collection is the shekel, which is familiar to all Bibical students.

The collection of United States coins is complete from the first issue of the mint of 1891, the year of Mr. Reed's death, since which time none has been added. They embrace all the various coins from one cent to the \$20 gold piece. The coin of most interest in this part of the collection is the \$50 slug issued by a private mint in California during the gold excitement in 1849 and later, which never became a Government coin, but passed for its face value because it contained \$50 worth of gold by actual weight. The \$4 gold piece and the silver dollar of 1804, of which there are only a few in existence, are coins that attract unusual attention.—From Numismatist.

CALIFORNIA COLUMN .- By George J. Remsburg, Porterville, Calif.

A cake 50 years old is owned by F. Reichard of Monrovia. It was baked in Germany in 1874, and stood the journey to America and the ravages of time and appetites.

J. J. Lushbaugh of Dinuba at a meeting of the Rotary club of that place recently gave a graphic portrayal of life in Alaska in the "gold days" and exhibited many relics and nuggets of that memorable period.

Pasadena has taken steps to preserve the first house erected in that city. John Monteith of Pacific Grove has a smoking pipe of meerschaum that has been an heirloom in his family since 1607—317 years.

A copy of the laws of California enacted by the legislature of 1867-'8 is owned by an attorney at Ely, Nev. It is printed in Spanish under the title, "Leyes de California."

Dr. S. E. Salisbury of Monrovia is a general collector and is particularly interested in Indian relics.

The 65th birthday of Charles F. Lummis, the noted archaeologist and founder of the Southwest Museum, was celebrated in Los Angeles recently.

Cullen Landis, the well known movie star, has an Indian pipe nearly 300 years old that was given him by Chief Three Bears of the Cree Indians, who assisted in the making of the film, "Pioneer Trails," in which Landis plays a leading role.

Tom Underhill, living on North Second street in Porterville, is interested in stamps, coins, Indian relics, etc. W. A. Baker, on the same street, is similarly interested.

NOTES HERE AND THERE .- By L. A. Cardwell.

Recent discovery of stone age objects is reported to have been made in a cave in China by J. G. Anderson, a Swedish scientist. It was previously believed that there was no evidence of a stone age in China. Other remains are said to have also been discovered near Yang Shao.

Wonders of the Past: The Romance of Antiquity and Its Splendors, is the title of a four volume work edited by J. A. Hammerton, volume one and two of which have just appeared. The work contains more than 1,000 illustrations, including many full plates in color and describes the principal archaeological remains found throughout the world. Coming at a time when interest is very high in Archaeology this great work will no doubt meet with a very popular reception.

The Carnegie Institute of Washington, in conjunction with other scientific bodies, is sending expeditions to the wonderful ruins of Yucatan. The study of these Maya ruins will extend over a period of ten years.

The discovery of the tomb of Tut-Ankh-Amen and the wonderful treasurers which it contained have created more interest in Archaeology than any previous one. Due largely to the newspaper publicity which has been given the find, people are reading Archaelogical works who never gave the subject a thought before.

Shakespeare, the world's greatest writer in literature, could only imagine what a U. S. "ONE MILL" looked like. The Chicago Coin club presents each new member with a real "ONE MILL" and "ONE DISME" commemorative piece. There are two specimens in the U. S. Numismatic collection at Washington, D. C.—Sparks.

SHORT PARAGRAPHS-By M. Sorensen.

Austria is to have real money again. After five years of doing business on almost worthless kronen, a bill has been introduced in the national council which would empower the government to replace the notes of 10,000 and 5,000 crowns by silver coins called shillings and half-shillings. Another new silver coin, equal in value to 20,000 crowns, will be called a double shilling. The new shilling will contain 85 per cent of fine silver and will weigh 7 grams. Bronze and nickel coins, ranging in value from 100 to 2,000 crowns, will also be issued.

Three hundred and ninety billion crowns represents the total value of the Austrian notes to be replaced by the new coins.

The world war upset and destroyed many pacts entered into by nations for mutual benefit, among them the Latin Monetary Union between France, Italy, Belgium, Switzerland and Greece. A similar union was established years ago between the three Scandinavian countries and still exists-on paper, while it in practice was broken by Sweden during the war and has not been recognized by that country since. As existing conditions are detrimental to Denmark and Norway, competent financiers in those countries think it is time to dissolve the convention. For a number of years it has been effective only as far as the circulation of minor denominations is concerned, and then at a loss to the two countries. Director Anderson of the Department of Finance, Copenhagen, thinks that his country could take the same step France and Belgium did when the francs of these countries went below the Swiss franc. Self protection compelled them to call in their silver coins and issue franc pieces in a worthless composition. Denmark could do the same, which in turn would eliminate the circulation of 1 krone notes and at the same time put an effective stop to the practice of smuggling out the country's supply of

The small free state of Danzig has determined to cultivate the acquaintance of the dollar laden Uncle Sam by offering him and his large family a chance to subscribe to a loan of not more than \$20,000,000, the proceeds of which will be used to establish a new and independent medium of currency in place of the unstable German and Polish marks, which now circulate in the small state. As to the new unit of currency, there is talk of instituting either the dollar or the pound sterling.

The provisions of the Pittman act have now been carried out by the Treasury Department. The great amount of silver sold to England, and shipped to India, has been replaced at the fancy price of \$1.00 an ounce, about 30 cents above the market value. When this silver has been minted into dollars it is not likely that any more silver dollars will be minted for some time.

It has been announced that the "unlucky two-dollar bill" was to be retired from circulation, and this seems to have met with general approval, though it is difficult to understand why this denomination should not be favored. All the reasons given for its retirement seem to be more or less silly and childish. It is a good and practical denomination, which had nothing in common with the two, three or twenty cent coins. Why it should be more

practical to handle two \$1.00 bills instead of one \$2.00 bill is not easy to grasp.

The Republic of Lithuania has adopted the gold standard. The new national coins and currency has replaced the Ostmark, Ostrouble, German Reichsmark and other worthless currency which had been doing duty as money since the country gained independence. The unit of value is the gold litas, containing 0.150,462 grammes of pure gold, divided into 100 cents.

MR. FORD BUYS SOME ANTIQUES.

George Blake Dexter is an inveterate collector, as one can discern from reading his delightful volume, "The Lure of Amateur Collecting," and wherever he is, the local antique shop draws him irresistibly. Recently, when motoring through Vermont, he visited a shop known for its fine early Colonial collection. The dealer excused the emptiness of his best room by saying that he had had some fine pieces, but that all of them had been purchased by one man: "A fine car drove up to the door and a man got out," he said. "He had been attracted by a solid mahogany table, with twisted legs, in the window. He asked the price, and when I told him, he said, 'I'll take it.' Then he asked the prices of two bow-front bureaus, and a number of the best pieces I had on hand, and as fast as I quoted the prices, he replied, 'I'll take it.' Then he sat down and made out a check for the whole amount, saying, as he handed it to me, 'You can wait to see if this is all right before you ship the things.' I looked at the check. It was signed 'Henry Ford.' I shipped those things to Dearborn, Mich., where Mr. Ford is restoring his mother's house and furnishing it as near as possible to the way it was furnished when he was a boy."-Times Star.

PLACE AUX DAMES.

The St. Louis Stamp Collectors' Society may well feel proud of themselves, for they have elected to the honorable office of President of the Society Miss Lillian M. Brown, a high school teacher and an artist. It is possible, as Mekeel's suggests, that this is the first time a lady has held the office in any philatelic society in the United States, and we can only recall one in England, though we have had and still have some very successful ladies as honorary secretaries.

It has long been a matter of wonder to us why women do not take to stamp collecting in larger numbers than they appear to do. The hobby seems to be eminently suited to serve some of the recreative needs of women of culture.—Stamp Fortnightly.

The world's greatest violin collection belongs to Gabriel M. Francois of Pittsburgh including a Stradivarius worth \$20,000. Mr. Francois says that he can prove that the violins made today are in no way inferior to the aged instruments.

There is a collection of 2,800 bottles of sand, containing specimens from every state in the union and many foreign countries, in the Structural Material library of the Lewis Institute in Chicago.

George D. Baker, the well known motion picture director, has a collection of over 23,000 unusual kodak prints.

VALUABLE GIFT FOR NEBRASKA MUSEUM.

The state museum has just received an important addition to its collection of wares and pottery. The china dates back to 1790 and any of the pieces are almost unobtainable. The new collection was donated by Mrs. Julia Greene Bell of Lincoln. It consists of a series of old fashioned china plates, cups, saucers, bowls, vases, candlesticks, pitchers, carved alabaster box, idols, and the like.

Prof. E. H. Barbour states that industrial collections are among the most important that can be prepared for museums, and among these industrial china and pottery probably hold first place in popular interest. The Nebraska museum has a considerable nucleus through gifts from Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bryan of old pieces of pottery and old china around which to build future collections. The sets previously secured will be greatly augmented through the addition of the present set.

Some of the vases in Mrs. Bell's collection are of the queer old New England colors very much sought after at the present time throughout the eastern United States. The dinner service is decorated with raised figures delicately tinted lavender. The cups are large, likewise the saucers. In addition there is what was called at that time cup-plates. The cup plates resemble old-fashioned butter dishes. The coffee or tea was poured from the cup into the saucer then the cup was placed on the cup-plate, while the beverage was drunk from the saucer, a use of the saucer not in vogue at the present time.

HAS RARE COLLECTION OF COINS.

Prof. Keeler, of Greenleaf, Kas., is the possessor of a large collection of coins, gathered during the past few years. In it are ninety-six varieties, and different varieties, including a complete set of the Indian series. Among these are the issues from 1804 to 1909. The Indian head nickel, pennies from 1857 to 1859, and the large copper pennies from 1795 to 1856. He has thirty-three different issues of the Lincoln pennies complete from 1847 on. In Mr. Keeler's collection are also paper money from about ten different countries and has copper and silver money from practically every country of the world. It took him ten years to gather the collection, obtaining a good many of them by running through back coins. He also has a wonderfully interesting collection of cartridges.

A Spanish doubloon, one of the rare and famous pieces of eight, is on display in the Fort Dodge, Ia., Savings Bank window. The big gold coin, bearing the date 1788, is the property of H. Bohannen, numismatist, and is probably the only one of its kind in the state. With the doubloon are displayed the new Huguenot-Walloon half-dollars recently issued by the United States in commemoration of the tercentary of the Huguenot immigration. The half-dollars are chiefly of interest to coin collectors. A few have been issued and fewer will probably get into circulation, as they are being sold for a dollar apiece.

SELL FAMOUS MUSKET.

London.—Robinson Crusoe's old flintlock musket, believed to be the authentic weapon carried by Alexander Selkirk during his four years' exile on Juan Fernandez island, which inspired DeFoe's celebrated story, was sold at auction for 250 pounds sterling.

MOTH VALUABLE AS DIAMONDS.

A moth which proved to be worth more than its weight in gold, even more than its weight in diamonds, has been found on Kersal Moor, Manchester, England.

Quite a large family of the dusky little creatures was found in a hole in a tree. It is the only place this moth has been found in England, and collectors were so keen on having a specimen that they were ready to exchange most valuable treasures.

The discovery of these moths was mentioned by Professor Weiss, of Manchester University, as an instance of the kind of prize that may come to students who engage in the work of regional survey.

Even in Manchester strange, unusual things are to be found. Most of the records are of plants and trees that have disappeared from Manchester, but there are new arrivals in the Reddish Canal, where the water is always kept warm by the hot water outfalls from the cotton mills. There are water plants otherwise unknown except in Egypt and North Africa on lands that are irrigated.

The Manchester Regional Survey Society reported that much preliminary organization has been done and the work is going forward.

CIVIL WAR TOKENS AND TRADESMEN'S CARDS.

A book is now on the press, which although a first edition, will for completeness be far superior to any work that has been published on this subject in recent years.

The authors, Dr. George Hetrich, of Birdsboro, Pennsylvania, and Mr. Julius Guttag, of New Rochelle, N. Y., have compiled this book after many years of study and investigation of Civil War Tokens and Tradesmen's Cards. They have spared neither time nor expense in its compilation. It will contain 16 plates with over 650 photographs of these very interesting tokens, besides a text of 275 pages,—a welcome and worthy addition to any Numismatic Library.

INTERESTING CLOCKS.

Ex-Lieutenant Governor Sheffield Ingalls of Kansas has at his home in Atchison, a clock that was once the property of his distinguished father, the late U. S. Senator John J. Ingalls. It bears this inscription in Senator Ingalls' handwriting: "This clock hung in the United States Senate Chamber from 1852 to 1890."

W. P. Waggener, a prominent attorney of the same city, has a clock bearing a note on the inside which records that it was repaired December 24, 1813, more than 110 years ago, but the note does not indicate by whom the work was done.

What is said to be the highest price ever paid for the autograph of a living author was paid at the sale of manuscripts of Joseph Conrad. Over \$8,000 was paid for the manuscript of the novel, "Victory." The total sale came to \$110,000.

The coin collection of King Victor Emmanuel of Italy consists of more than 60,000 specimens and is one of the most valuable in the world.

GERMAN SILVER DOLLAR CHALLENGES THE SCRAPS OF PAPER.

The supremacy of paper money of small denominations in Germany is threatened at last.

Soon the German will have at least one coin to rub against another.

True, small change coins have appeared and disappeared at intervals during the past few years, but now real money is coming.

The three-mark piece, the "silver dollar," will be the first to appear. In size the coin is 30 millimeters, or 1.18 in., in diameter.

The "silver dollar" has the words "Einigkeit und Recht und Freiheit" ("Unity and Right and Freedom," a line from "Deutschland ueber Alles") around the edge.

The next coin to be issued will be the one-mark piece, similar in appearance, but .275 of an inch smaller in diameter.

NEW COMMEMORATIVE HALF DOLLAR.

A bill has been passed in Congress authorizing the coinage of half dollars commemorating the work of carving in Stone Mountain, near Atlanta, Ga., a monument to the valor of the soldiers of the South during the Civil War. It is also to be in memory of Warren G. Harding, in whose administration the work was begun.

For the obverse is proposed a partial reproduction of the carving on Stone Mountain, showing Jefferson Davis, Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson, and on the reverse will be a portrait of the late President Harding.

The carving on Stone Mountain is under the direction of the noted sculptor, Mr. Gutzon Borglum.—M. S.

EXHIBITIONS!

We do not believe there is anything which will create a livlier interest in and better understanding of Numismatics and Philately than interesting and well organized exhibits. If you belong to a local Coin or Stamp Club or Society in your locality, get together with the individual collectors in your vicinity and arrange to hold a joint exhibit at a central point,—the Public Library, one of the Banks, "Y's," Community Buildings, etc. If we can be of any assistance to any individuals or clubs that are arranging exhibits, it will give us much pleasure to serve them. If YOU start—others will follow, if You wait—others wait. Boost Coin and Stamp Collecting.

GREATEST COLLECTION OF SNUFF BOXES.

Recently the most remarkable collection of forty-two old French snuff boxes in existence, once the property of the Romanoff family, was sold in London for about \$50,000, considered a low price. One of the specimens, a gold oval Louis XV box, beautifully chased with a miniature of Frederick II in the lid, and a small watch in the bottom, said to have been presented to Voltaire by Frederick II, brought \$5,000.

William Turnbull of the Walpole Galleries auction house in New York City died last month. He had a remarkable knowledge of the old books—and was perhaps the best cataloguer in the United States. Mrs. Trumbull, who was his efficient aide, will, I understand, carry on the auction business.

New joke: The German gold-basis bank is to be established in a country that was "neutral" during the war.

AN EARLY GUNSMITH .- By George J. Remsburg, Porterville, Calif.

Does any firearms collector, who is a reader of the West, happen to have a gun made by Jacob H. Early, pioneer gunsmith. Mr. Early's son, Ben Early, now living at Atchison, Kansas, informs me that his father made muzzle loading rifles and shot guns and that he generally marked them with his initials.

Jacob H. Early was born at Knoxville, Tenn., in 1816, and died at Atchison, Kas., in 1886. He learned the trade of gunsmith and emigrated to St. Louis in 1839. From there he went to the Rocky Mountains and remained in the far west for ten years, during which time he served in the Mexican War. In 1848 he was gunsmithing at old Westport, now Kansas City, the great starting and outfitting point for the far west in the early days. In 1853 the government employed him as gunsmith for the Sac and Fox Indians in what is now Kansas and he was engaged in that capacity until 1860, when he returned to Westport. In 1864 he and his son crossed the plains to New Mexico. He returned soon afterward and located in Atchison, Kas., where he followed the gunsmith business for many years.

HAS RARE OLD GUN.

An old model Colt muzzle loading six-shooter, is the relic which was dug up by A. R. Goodwyn, a Minneapolis, Kansas, man. It was found in tearing up the foundation of an old house on Vine Creek, near Minneapolis and is over forty years old, but is in perfect condition and the mechanism works smoothly. It is a 44 calibre gun and shoots a cap and ball, being loaded from the muzzle. Dr. Goodwin says the old gun was very accurate and would surprise most modern experts with its remarkable accuracy. The barrel on the gun is about eight inches long. There are five notches in the handle. Whether this means that five victims belong to the former is not known. It is in a remarkable state of preservation after lying imbedded in the old house foundation for forty years.

GIVES RELICS TO STATE.

William S. Harding of Nebraska City presented A. E. Sheldon, secretary of the state historical society, with two relics for permanent keeping at the society's headquarters. One is a one dollar bill drawn on the Platte Valley bank, date 1858, and signed by his father, the late N. S. Harding who was cashier, and S. F. Nuckolls, who was president. The bank was the only one of seven so-called "wildcat" banks to redeem its obligations in full. Only four others received a charter. The other relic is a steel engraving, two feet by fifteen inches, picturing Central avenue with its covered wagons, oxen, sheep, horses—and the obvious need of a traffic policeman. The picture was made in 1857.

BOOK OF POSSIBLE VALUE BOUGHT FOR DIME IN OMAHA.

Omaha, Neb.—A small, age-stained paper back volume, measuring about four by six inches and entitled "The Second Funerat of Napoleon" by Thackeray, was purchased yesterday by M. E. Northwall of the Omaha Concrete Stone company for a dime. It is said to be a duplicate of one that sold for \$950 at an auction in New York in 1920. Librarians claim it to be one of the very few of its title in existence. Neither Mr. Northwall nor Mr. H. F. Keiser, proprietor of the antique book shop, knew of its value until sold.

FIREARMS AND WEAPONS .- By George J. Remsburg.

An old Colt 44, cap and ball pistol recently found in the foundation of an old house torn down at Vine Creek, near Minneapolis, Kansas, is said to be in serviceable condition, every portion of its mechanism working perfectly, after reposing in the foundation for over forty years. The house belongs to Dr. A. R. Goodwyn of Minneapolis.

The Standard Oil company recently issued to its collectors and guards in California, the very latest thing in firearm protection against burglars and robbers. It is a miniature double-barreled, 20-gauge shot gun with a pistol handle. The shells contain 10 buckshot each. The weapon is said to be very effective at either close or medium range and not so cumbersome as the repeating shotgun hitherto carried by such employees.

A double-barreled, breech loading shot gun, the property of Philetus Peck, pioneer and founder of "Peck's Grove," in Nebraska, was donated by his daughter, Mrs. Jennie N. Hyde of Lincoln, as a part of the exhibition in celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce recently. Mr. Peck used the gun for many years on the Nebraska prairies, beginning in 1867.

A sword of pure Damascus steel with handle of solid ivory, inlaid with gold, and a scabbard of solid gold and silver, imbedded with precious stones, is the recent gift of the Armenian community of Cairo, Egypt, to General Antranik, now of Fresno, Calif., for his thirty years of fighting in defense of Armenia and her people. The sword is valued at \$7,500. Gen Antranik is retired and makes his home in Fresno.

B. M. Jenkins of Caruthers, Calif., has loaned the state college at Fresno, Calif., a fine collection of Moro arms which be brought from the Philippine Islands in 1914.

BIRD GOD OF PREHISTORIC MAN UNEARTHED ON WEEDON'S ISLAND.

Among the interesting finds which are being made continuously by the workers in the Smithsonian excavations on Weedon's Island is the fragmentary remains of what is evidently a bird effigy.

Describing this recent find, Dr. M. W. Strirling, of the U. S. National museum, who is in charge of the diggings for the Smithsonian Institution, said:

"This curious specimen made from pottery of an unusual and extremely light texture consists evidently of two bird figures, back to back. That these figures evidently represent deities of a sort is obvious from their anthropomorphic nature because each of the two figures has not only wings but a pair of arms, the hands being clasped in front of the breast. This piece is of such a fragile nature that it could not have been intended for utilization purposes but probably had some ceremonious or religious significance. It occurred at the upper part of a grave, beneath the roots of a large oak tree, the grave containing the bodies of a man and woman and an infant.

"The bird faces on this piece bear a marked similarity to a face which was recovered on a pottery fragment a number of weeks ago on the sand mound. It is likely that this represents a bird god which was one of the important deities of these Indians."—Sent by Richardson.

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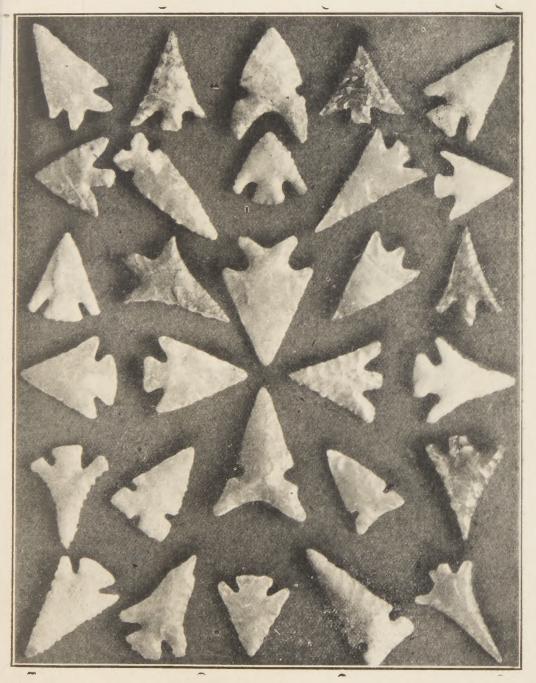
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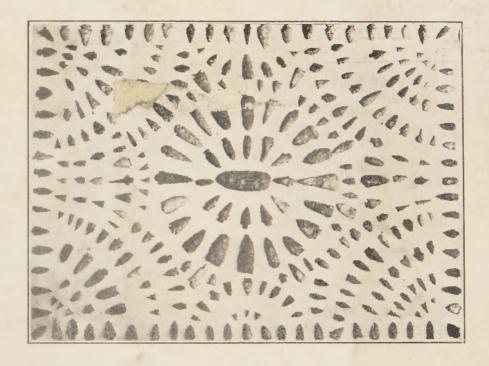
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BETWEEN OURSELVES.

Coming issue find pay you well for ads, if I judge by summer, most calls and new subscriptions I seen in many years. Looks like be extra fine season for dealers who want more business.

Next issue expect to give more reports of conventions being held during August, New York, Detroit and Cleveland. H. W. Boers of Detroit sends report of A. P. S. in his city, the cut used in this issue he was so kind as to have sent us.

W. R. Adams, Toronto reader, sends one new half cent Canadian business reply card. Says the postal strike made a bueautiful mess.

Dr. Heitrich, Pa., who has ad in this issue, also one of two authors of U. S. Tokens with Guttag, N. Y., who issued Civil War Tokens and Trademen's Cards. Pay you to get a copy.

Denney, Texas reader, says West gets better every issue.

Smith, California advertiser, reports his small ad sold out all the items.

L. Thompson, Ill., writes he takes over dozen stamp papers. West is best yet.

Dr. Ferguson, same state, says his small ad brought him many replies.

L. Beebe, N. Y., who has page ad in another place, says he always gets good results from his ads in the WEST.

F. Lange, Lincoln, says gets many stamp papers, thinks West best of all. Recktenwalt, N. Y., who has page ad, says always heard WEST was best paper for ad returns.

McCormick, Baltimore, says he finds WEST most practical magazine on all collectors' subjects he has seen. He gets out small paper called the Goat.

We like to hear from readers, "Why do you collect?" "What collection interests you most?"

BRING HIGH PRICES-PICKED UP AT SALE.—Sent by Corwell.

An example of the increasing tendency to pay fancy prices for early issues of the more common varieties having curious cancellations was shown at the sale of J. M. Bartels. The ordinary 3-cent 1861-66 issue, of which good used copies may be purchased for a few cents, was represented by an exceptional number with strange postmarks and these aroused keen bidding. One was a blue bird postmark sold for \$30; another with a deer, canceled at Deerfield, Mass., brought \$21; one marked with a skull and bones sold for \$11; one with a green cancellation, showing the letters "U. S." in a heart, went for \$8.25, and another with a Chicago "Supplementary Mail" cancellation sold for \$16. A 3-cent stamp of the same issue on the original envelope with an Irishman and hat cancellation sold for \$20.50.

The highest price in the sale was \$170 paid for a remarkably fine pair of the New York Postmaster 5-cent issue, 1845. A bidder for Representative E. R. Ackerman of New Jersey paid \$66.50 for an envelope addressed to London with two copies of the 12-cent, 1851, with a Boyd's 2-cent local. Two fine used copies of the New York 5-cent issue on the envelopes were purchased for \$41 apiece for a collector in Manchester, England.

Many copies of the 5 and 10 cent first Government issue, 1847, sold for more than standard catalogue prices. A 5-cent in the red-brown shade, bearing a red gridiron postmark from New Orleans, brought \$14.25, and a beautiful 10-cent copy on an envelope postmarked in Wisconsin sold for \$70. Another showing a double transfer went for \$59 and one with the top line recut brought \$41. Two fine single copies of the 5-cent stamp brought \$17.75 and \$16.50 respectively, in the dark brown shade, the latter having a blue "Paid" cancellation.

A block of five 3-cent stamps, 1857, on an envelope to Paris with the Supplementary Mail cancellation, sold for \$58 and two copies of the same value on an envelope, one stamp being of the cracked plate variety, brought \$53. An envelope addressed to China having a pair of 24-cent, 1861, with a 3-cent stamp sold for \$26 and another envelope to China with single copies of the 3, 24 and 30-cent stamps of the same issue sold for \$23.50. A superb single copy of the 12-cent, 1857, with the Supplementary Mail cancellation brought \$62, being \$42 more than the catalogue rate for an average copy.

A 3-cent copy of the 1851 issue on an envelope bearing a Christmas tree cancellation with twelve branches, sold for \$26, another copy bearing a steamer cancellation from New Orleans brought \$16.25, and one with an Express Mail cancellation, New York, sold for \$16.50. A fine copy of the 3-cent 1857, known as the Type I variety, with recut lines, brought \$37, and a good copy of the 90-cent, 1869, sold for \$21.

An unusual copy of the 30-cent Foreign Exchange Revenue, gray and lilac, with the lower label printed twice, sold for \$37.50, and \$22 was paid for a fine used copy of the \$1,000 revenue stamp, 1899 issue. A bidder gave the same price for a fine copy of the 4-skilling, Norway, 1856, on part of the original envelope.—N. Y. Times.

One must see a few nicely mounted pages of stamps to appreciate their modest beauty. No overloaded designs, simple, yet effectively artistic.

Look at your collection and picture to yourself a full page of these unassuming, yet pleasing stamps.

VALUE IN STAMP MISPRINTS.

A choice lot of United States stamps, comprising the specialized collection of the 1869 issue, owned by Representative Ernest R. Ackerman of New Jersey, was exhibited at the Collector's club in New York recently. The collection includes fine used copies of the 15, 24 and 30-cent varieties, with the center engravings inverted. These errors are worth from \$500 to \$2,000 apiece.

Eight volumes are required for the entire collection, and a large part of it comprises original envelopes with neatly cancelled copies. One fine cover addressed to Germany in 1880 contains two 10-cent stamps and one 15-cent stamp. Of even greater rarity are some envelopes sent to France, one having two 30c and one 15, representing three times the regular letter postage.

There are also many exceptional blocks and strips, including a complete sheet of 150 stamps of the 3 cent value, and a sheet of 120 of the 2 cent value. Of the scarce 90 cent value there is a beautiful unused block of ten, which Mr. Perry considers unique, and there are an unused block of twenty of the 15 cent and a fine strip of six of the 6 cent used on the original cover. A fine copy of the 15 cent variety, perforated only on two sides, aroused interest among specialized collectors.—N. Y. Times.

The plan of Belgium to issue a special stamp bearing at the left the first ruler of the kingdom, Leopold I, and on the right the present monarch, Albert, has been abandoned. The stamp was to have commemorated the seventy-fifth anniversary of the issuing of the first Belgian postage stamp and was to have appeared in connection with the Brussels International Stamp Exhibition, which was held from May 24 to June 1. It was explained that difficulties in engraving made it impossible to print the special stamp.

Collectors were keenly disappointed, and the Belgian government, realizing it, has reissued as a consolation to collectors an earlier 5-franc stamp in a new color and has established a precedent by running the stamp off in sheets of only four copies each. Only a limited number were printed, and the sale was restricted to the exhibition buildings, where each admission ticket gave the purchaser the right to buy one sheet.

Meanwhile Belgium issued also a special series of stamps commemorating the seventy-fifth anniversary of the appearance of the first stamp of the kingdom. The new stamps range in value from 10 centimes to 10 francs and are on sale at all Belgian post offices. In connection with the stamp exhibition the Belgian colonial office placed on sale five new Belgian Congo pictorials—20 centimes, green, showing a native of Oubangui; 30 centimes, red, depicting a native woodworker; 3 francs, sepia, showing a native collecting rubber; 5 francs, gray-blue, showing the palm-oil industry; and 10 francs, black, with an elephant's head to symbolize the ivory trade. The Congo officials at the stamp exhibition set up a special post office for the sale of the new stamps.

To commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the establishing of the Universal Postal Union Germany has issued two special stamps, 60 pfennigs, brown, and 80 pfennigs, blue, bearing each a portrait of Dr. von Stephan, the first postmaster-general of the German Empire, who founded the famous Postal Museum that stands today in Berlin. Dr. von Stephan is also credited with being the inventor of the post card.—Youth's Companion.

A PHILATELIC ATLAS .- By E. Bentley Wood.

Of all the many by-ways into which philately leads us, none is, perhaps, so obvious as that of geography.

In the last seventy years, since stamp collecting first had its vogue, what innumerable changes have taken place in the grouping and divisions of the countries of the world!

Old states have disappeared and new ones have sprung up, till the maps of one decade are hopelessly obsolete in the next.

The old thumb-marked atlas of our school days is only of use now in recalling political divisions familiar to our youth, but now, as it were, "wiped off the map."

It is here that the stamp_collector—especially the general collector—scores, for the specimens which fill his albums are constant reminders of those places which would have been otherwise forgotten, and the philatelist has much advantage over the philistine in all that pertains to geography and history.

I was not a particularly bright youth at school, but I have been a stamp collector from about the age of ten, and if I failed in most subjects, I think my stamps helped me in my geography. For instance, I well remember getting my first copy of New South Wales and associating it with the land of leeks, till I discovered that it belonged to the opposite side of the earth. Thus I began to study maps to place my stamps correctly, and thence onward they have always had a fascination for me.

The early cartographical attempts were weird affairs; where names of places could not be filled, the space was used for drawings of hunters of fabulous monsters, for, when travel was less easy, there were few who would be able to gainsay what the map-makers portrayed, and folks, I suppose, took it for granted that unicorns browsed through the land and mermaids were in every sea.

The modern map is more mater-of-fact, but none the less interesting, and as several examples occur on our stamps, I have re-awakened the joys of my youth to bring my stamp atlas for your consideration to-night.

As the first map in the general atlas is that of the world, so we naturally start with that which is given us on the Canadian issue to commemorate the inauguration of the Imperial Penny Post. The design was a pretty sentiment of the universality of the post, but was spoilt by the lines from Sir Lewis Morris' Jubilee Ode: "We hold a vaster Empire than has been," a quotation which roused an English admiral to remark that if a man were to adorn his hat with the motto, "I have a vaster estate than anyone else," passers-by would both ridicule him and be inclined to knock his hat off, if not his head.

The map might also appear somewhat presumptuous to find in badly centered copies that we were usurping a portion of the United States and the coast of France.

There is a story anent the inauguration of the Imperial Penny Post which is worth repeating. It fell to the Duke of Norfolk, as Postmaster-General, to convey the news to Queen Victoria.

"When does this come into force?" enquired Her Majesty.

"We thought of the Prince's birthday," replied the Duke.

In an instant the Queen, ever mindful of her supreme authority, drew herself up and asked in her most icy tone, "And what Prince?"

"The Prince of Peace, ma'am, on Christmas Day," he replied, quickly.

Thus is came about that the Imperial Penny Post was established on Christmas Day, 1898.

Other maps of the world in hemispheres appear on several stamps, of which that on the "Peace and Commerce" series of France is the most worthy of scrutiny. It is unfortunately largely hidden by the tablet of value, but in the small space visible, seven of the principal capitals of Europe are marked, as well as New York and New Orleans in the United States. This is further interesting as being the earliest map stamp in our collection.

The 10c St. Louis commemoration stamp of the United States is curious as showing several discrepancies when compared with the official map of the United States published by the Interior Department. No less than nine states are affected, some showing more, some less, than the correct demarcation, while three other portions are included which were part of the cession by Spain in 1819 and had nothing to do with the purchase from the French in 1803, which the stamp is intended to celebrate.

A similar instance of faulty delineation occurred in the map stamp of the Dominican Republic, in which the boundry line was incorrectly drawn, and which nearly led to a war with its neighbor Hayti over the encroachment. So-called errors of these stamps exist with Hayti on the right instead of the left, and with Mar Caribe and Atlantico transposed, but these were only made for the delectation of collectors and were in no way official.

Venezuela issued a map stamp in 1896, inscribed "Apoteosis de Miranda," a Spanish-American revolutionist, who spent many years in scheming for the emancipation of Spanish South America. Though his efforts met with temporary success, an earthquake in 1812 so impoverished the country that it was regarded as a sign of Divine wrath. The Royalists consequently gained an ascendency, and Miranda was arrested and sent to Spain, where he died in captivity. His influence, however, had a marked effect on the future of South America. The map illustrates the great boundary dispute with Great Britain, only recently settled, and it also occasioned the Dutch Government to make strong protests. It will be seen, therefore, that map making on stamps is rather a dangerous practice and may lead to unpleasant international complications.

Another interesting stamp is that of Panama. Originally part of the Colombian Federation, Panama declared its independence on November 4, 1903, which was duly recognized by the United States two days later, and who sent warships to prevent hostilities in the commercially important transcontinental territory of the Canal Zone. The Colombian stamps showing this district were variously over-printed "PANAMA" and "CANAL ZONE" till 1905, when a new map stamp, identical with the old one, was issued bearing the name of the new republic.

Central America has also provided us with some other varieties, and we include in our philatelic atlas stamps of Mexico, Nicaragua, Costa Rico and Cuba, none of which, however, calls for special notice, except that the Mexican is so complete as to show the twenty-four states all named, and also the railways, oceans and shipping routes.

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NELSON T. THORSON, OMAHA COLLECTOR HONORED.

He is district secretary A. N. A. and for many years the recognized au-

thority on Numismatics, was lately placed on the Public Library Board, Omaha.

This honor was given by the well known Mayor, Dahlman, for 20 years mayor of Omaha and a leading democrat, whereas Mr. T. is a republican and former local treasurer of the bull moose party. In a recent issue of the West a special article was published about the Byron Reed collection of coins, books, autographs, the finest in the middle west, given to the city of Omaha 30 years ago and a part of the library.

The A. N. A. is fortunate in having one of its secretaries, not only as one of the custodians but on committee in charge of this great collection and already advanced collection of western Indian and curio objects.

We have the information that efforts will be made to secure additions and easier access to the Reed collection rooms, and that it is the desire of the committee and board to have the largest and best Indian curio collection there also.

The Omaha slogan is "Stop Off in Omaha." All collectors are welcome to the library, and our Mr. Thorson agrees to assist all interested if called upon. His office is one-half block from library, 306 So. 19th St., where he has Omaha Posten.

Mr. and Mrs. T. were so delighted with A. N. A. Montreal reception that they are motoring to Cleveland convention this year.

NEW ISSUE NOTES .-- By F. H. Hawley.

Azores Islands—Two more postage due stamps for this country, values are 3c gray green and 10c gray green, design the same as type D2.

Belgium-The 5ft. type A59 has been issued in red brown.

Note—The above stamp was issued in sheets of 4 only, and were on sale at the International Philatelic Exhibition in Brussels only. Each ticket holder was allowed to buy one sheet of this stamp and no more.

Bolivia—The 10c vermillion stamp of the 1919-20 issue has been surcharged Habilitada 15 cts. in two lines.

France—The Olympian Game issue is now out. Values are 10c gray green and yellow green, 25c rose and dark rose, 30c dull red and black, and 50c ultramarine and dark blue.

Gilbert and Ellice Islands—The 1½p. scarlet, 10sh. green and red, emerald green, and £1 violet and black, red, have been issued on multiple crown and script C. A. wmkd. paper.

Malta—The 1 p. violet has been issued on multiple crown and script C. A. wmkd. paper Perf. 14.

North Borneo—The 2c yellow green and black issue of 1909 has been surcharged Postage Due.

Panama—The following stamps of the Coat of Arms issue unwmkd. Perf. 12, are now on sale; ½c orange, 1c dark green, 2c carmine, 5c dark blue, 10c dark violet, 12c olive green, and 15c ultramarine.

Peru—The following new Issue is expected to be issued soon, values are 2c green and sepia, bust of Rivadeneria; 4c green, bust of Mariano Melgar; 8c black, bust of Iturregni; 10c vermilion, bust of Leguio; 20c dark blue, bust of Olaya; 50c light purple, bust of Bellido; 1 sol. light chesnut, bust of Saco; 2 sol. light blue, bust of J. Leguia.

Tongo—The 2 sh., 2 sh. 6 p., and 5 sh. of the 1897 issue have been surcharged 2 p. in dark blue.

STAMP COLLECTING AND PHILATELY .- By A. Crippa.

Most people would say stamp collecting and philately were synonymous, but I consider they are as wide apart as the poles, and yet, paradoxically, there is a connection in the fact that you cannot be a philatelist without first being a stamp collector.

Stamp collecting is the formation of a collection of stamps of all countries of the world, in the order in which they are issued. The beginning of stamp collecting as a hobby is somewhat obscure, although there are early records of ladies collecting thousands of penny stamps; this can hardly be considered as stamp collecting, and therefore it is hard to find a line of demarcation. Personally, I should think it was not long before the first known financial transactions in stamps, as it is wonderful how soon people turn to a new source of making a living.

Philately is the collection and study of any one or more countries or issues whereby definite conclusions are arrived at, in spite of the absence of official records. The word "philately" was first used by M. Herpin in 1865, but it is hopelessly inadequate as applied today, as by the longest stretch of imagination it only means "lover of stamps."

Having given my interpretation of the words that head this paper, I arrive at the main theme.

Propaganda.

Did the London International Stamp Exhibition of 1923 further the cause of stamp collecting and or philately? As an exhibition it was a glorious success; but not as propaganda. Why? Because you cannot be a philatelist without first being a stamp collector, and there was nothing in the exhibition to encourage stamp collecting. How many times did one overhear the remark: "What's the use of my trying to make a collection when some people have hundreds of copies of the rarest stamps?" I heard this from people who considered themselves advanced collectors.

Now, unless you can stimulate general collecting, phllately will die, because you will not have any stamp collectors to educate Into philatelists. I speak from personal experience as a competitor in the General Collectors' class. Only some juniors collections were shown, and these were tucked away where 90 per cent of the visitors to the exhibition did not see them. My position as an unsuccessful competitor is that I have not gained one atom of information as to what constitutes a prize general collection, and, therefore, I have no guide, and consequently no encouragement to show at future exhibitions, but must plough a lonely furrow until the end with even less desire to be a philatelist. The exhibition gave the man in the street the feeling that philately is not the study of stamps but the display of rare stamps.

Opportunities For Societies.

The time is now ripe for a really forward movement in our mutual hobby. It is not slogans that are needed, but hard work. The Southend-on-Sea Philatelic Society is years in advance of many another society. It has organized a free exhibition in the public library that was a very good example of what a general collection can be. This exhibition was advertised all over the town and, in spite of weather conditions in the form of a heat wave being against the organizers, the number of visitors exceeded expectations. Members have addressed local schools on stamp collecting, school societies have been formed, regular competitions for juniors held, and many novel features incorporated in their seasonal work.

If all other societies would work on these lines for a few months it would be possible to get hold of stamp collectors without frightening them away by showing huge specialized collections at meetings. An exhibition could be held in London for general collections divided into as many classes as necessary and specialized collections of stamps which are catalogued at not more than 3d. Finance is the most difficult point, as our so-called philatelist millionaires would not like to be seen showing specialized collections of stamps as herein mentioned. But if all worked with a will, and societies undertook to formulate a scheme for paying entrance fees for juniors, I am positive it would be achieved.

I venture to say the number of stamp collectors resident in London is 700,000, i. e. a very conservative estimate of 10 per cent of the population. How many of these are connected with societies or have even more than a passing interest in them?

How about U. S. hand book. West thinks there is need of more hand books.

Surcharged United States stamps are now in use in the Canal Zone. From 1964, when the Zone first began to use special stamps, until a few months ago stamps of Panama overprinted either "Canal Zone" or "Canal Zone" and "Panama" were in use—except that in 1914 the 1-cent, 2-cent and 10-cent United States postage dues were surcharged "Canal Zone." On May 1 of this year the contract expired under which Panama furnished the overprinted Panama stamps to the Zone postal authorities. The Post Office Department in Washington was called upon hurriedly to supply stamps, and accordingly the surcharge "Canal Zone" has now been placed on the current United States 1-cent, 2-cent, 5-cent, 10-cent, 12-cent, 15-cent, 20-cent, 50-cent and \$1 values of the ordinary series, the 1-cent, 2-cent and 10-cent denominations of the postage-due series, and the 1-cent and 2-cent No. 5 stamped envelopes. It will not be astonishing if a distinctive series is eventually issued in Panama under American supervision.—Youth's Companion.

HUGUENOT-WALLOON PRECANCEL CHECK LIST.

Send a copy of any new Huguenot-Walloon precancels you find to V. W. Rotnem, 803 Washington Ave. S. E., Minneapolis, Minn., for listing. Your specimens will be returned promptly.

Sixteen cities reported July 15: Anamosa, Iowa, 1c; Bloomfield, N. J., 1c, 2c, 5c normal and inverted; Chicago, Ill., hand stamp 2c invert.; Dubuque, Iowa, 1c, 2c, 5c; Forest City, Iowa, 1c, 2c, 5c; Fresno, Calif., 1c, 2c, 5c (2 types); Glen Falls, N. Y., 1c, 2c; Greenville, Pa., 1c, 2c; Huron, S. Dak., 1c; Maquoketa, Iowa, 1c, 2c Up (red); Medina, Ohio, 1c; Omaha, Neb., small electro 1c; Santa Rosa, Calif., hand stamp, 1c, 2c, 5c; Spartansburg, S. C., 1c, 2c; Tonowanda, N. Y., 1c (2 types); Windom, Minn., 1c.

A Minnesota Representative in Congress has introduced a bill at Washington that, if enacted, will authorize the Post Office Department to issue next year a special 2-cent stamp commemorating the arrival of the first shipload of Norwegian immigrants in New York harbor in 1825. Norwegians throughout the country will hold celebrations in 1925 to mark the centenary. Mr. Glover, Third Assistant Postmaster-General, is said to be in favor of the proposal to issue a special stamp.—Youth's Companion.

A collector may not come out on top with the best stamp collection—but as a rule with age his hair does.—Sparks.

"ON THE BORDERLAND."-By Oscar T. Hartmann.

No, it is not a talk on the Rio Grande country, where they used to smuggle Chinese coolies across the border, and now are rum runners, or revolutionists trying to find a hiding place to escape their enemies across the river, among the sagebrush, mesquit, and soap weed; disturbing the solitude of the horned lizard, basking in the sunshine, or scare up a rabbit, or make the acquaintance of the evil eyed tarantula, but all this is not stamp lore, so let us enter the borderland of the postage collector.

Open your Scott catalogue at Belgium 1883-97, you will find them oftenwith a bar cancellation. In this case they have been used on telegrams.

Take Japan, 1876-99, when the cancellation in the inner circle is blank; it is a telegraph stamp. In an older foreign catalogue the difference in the price is quite a contrast, but there are instances where the telegraph cancellations are higher priced. Some of the Spanish stamps have a T1|2|3etc., punched in. They are telegraph stamps. Some of the higher ruble values of Russia before the war were used also as prepayment on telegrams, and on account of the language hard to tell. Many other countries use the postage for telegraph purposes. Often you can discern part of the word, telegraph, more often a different cancellation. For instance the fan shaped cancellation of Wurtemberg.

As a newspaper stamp you find six listed under France 1868. All I have, show that they must have been put on the paper before printing, as the parts of words are printed on the stamp, and no particular care as to their position. I have some of the postage of 1870-76 overprinted the same way, but they are not listed. They commenced to use in 1872 the affiches stamps which are a revenue stamp pure and simple. The process is same; or is there a difference in classification of a newspaper or an advertising poster.

Many of the English postage and revenue stamps exist with pen cancellation. Under Queensland you find some priced with a revenue cancellation. I guess because they are high priced and are pretty, both prices are given. My judgment is that no collector should pay more than a tenth of the catalogue, or less for a pen marked stamp copy, and remember also that a shilling postally used may be scarce, and common pen cancelled is not. Perhaps the New Zealand so-called Postal-Fiscals, 1882-1915, are often met with. A good postal cancellation is scarce. The oval and round bank cancellations resemble often a postmark, especially when only a small piece of the cancellation is visible, there is however one recommendation to the penmarked copy. Take the old Tasmania, or any other old issue they give the date quite plainly and by that you can ascertain closely the time of issue.

Roumania Ajutar stamps, a war tax are of a postal value only as far as the low values are concerned. All higher are simply revenues. I guess you have seen the Gultig 9. Armee in a frame on revenue stamps of that country. Beware as the authority used the same marker, so a regular postmark is in this case no evidence that it has been used as a postage, but remains only a revenue. The war tax of Spain 1874-79 were a fiscal tax, but obligatory in their use. Now there are 7 values of 1879 listed, but another catalogue states that they were never issued as the law was repealed.

Turkish revenues surcharged you find plentiful, but only very few were issued for postal use in Asia Minor. I need not mention whether it is worth the trouble to learn Turkish on that account.

Are you endowed with the sixth sense? You pick up a Venezuela in-

scribed: Escuelas; or Instrucciones; or Correos, pen marked, which was quite customary with postal matter. The same may apply to old Columbian Republic stamps. The faculty of discerning, tempered by the desire of possessing comes into play, and the experienced philatelist will hit it often right.

The Aguindaldo, and the Regargo de Consumo on the Philippines 1881-88 are not recognized, but still listed in other catalogues. So you go on ad libitum.

As the American Collector swears by his Scott as the only true prophet; so the followers of Yvert & Tellier; Stanley Gibbons; Michel; Senf; and many other catalogues have their adherents. What is the conclusion? That, we all are interested in the fascinating hobby, and part with those who merely are collecting for collecting's sake, and broach out, become a cosmopolitan, study the different catalogues and find that our discard is valued somewhere else, make use of this knowledge, and step without hesitation across the Borderland.

LEARN CONTEMPORARY HISTORY STUDYING STAMPS .- By R. S. Carter.

While not numbered among those philatelic enthusiasts who believe that on the various postage stamps may be found a complete and reliable guide to the fauna and flora of the world (though I must confess there is considerable ground for even this remarkable contention, and, personally, I have never noticed the whiskers of any animal turned the wrong way on any stamp, I think it is self-evident that historical occurrences have been fairly well portrayed by stamp issues.

During and just after the great war, no one, whether a collector or not, could help being impressed by the fidelity with which current history was being portrayed by the new European issues. Warships, infantry, cavalry and artillery in action; prisoners behind barbed wire fences, military leaders, aeroplanes of different kinds and other military and political events found expression in these stamps. Since the war we have had commemorative stamps of various kinds, such as those commemorating the treaty of Versailles, peace stamps, Red Cross and other charity stamps.

"FIND THE LADY."

"The Canadian Postal Journal" says: "Some years ago attention was called in the philatelic press to an odd thing to be remarked on postage stamps bearing the effigy of King George V. It is said that with the aid of a magnifying glass one may discern quite clearly on the Royal profile the silhouette of an elegant young woman fastening her hat. The eye of the King forms the hat and the eyebrow the feathers; the white of the cheek constitutes the body, and the Royal beard gives the impression of the drapery of the gown.

A CANADIAN STAMP EXHIBITION.

Winnipeg is to have a stamp exhibition in September this year. It is being organized by the Winnipeg Philatelic Society of which Mr. William Van, 284 Main Street, Winnipeg, Canada is general secretary.—Fortnightly.

There is one rat for each human being on earth. S. E. Rose, a reader of the "West," says that his rat got at his stamp album and ruined several hundred dollars worth of valuable stamps.—Sparks.

ANNUAL CONVENTION AT DETROIT.

The thirty-ninth annual convention of the American Philatelic Society and the Precancelled Club of America is to be held August 12, 13, 14 at Detroit. The committee of affairs has done everything to make it a good meet, one that will be remembered by all attending.

You regulars that attend meetings of the A. P. S. always look forward to a good time. Here is an opportunity to spend your vacation in a stamp hustling city that has two flourishing societies, the Detroit Philatelic Society and the Michigan Stamp Club. These members will be there with the glad hand to welcome collectors, showing them around, making acquaintance with new friends, some of them you have often heard of but never met. Detroit is the fourth city of America, is past one million.

There are many places of interest too numerous to mention, but those who are to attend will be given an automobile ride around the city, boulevard, Belle Isle Park, Grosse Point to the Ford Factory, these points of interest will be announced by those having charge of the autos.

Perhaps there are some who are going to attend the convention who have never been out of the states. These can take a boat from foot of Woodward avenue to Windsor, Canada, and see a thriving town of 50,000, from here you can send postal cards to your friends, buy a few trinkets to take home as a remembrance of the visit to King George's domain. Those who want Canadian stamps have a splendid opportunity to buy there, but don't expect to buy any 1851-57 or 59 or 8c Registered or Jubilee issues; they're not there, I have been over there. Coming back you can go by the way of Windsor or Walkeville, from here you can see a beautiful view of Detroit sky line, the big buildings and beautiful Detroit river.

The last A. P. S. convention was held here in 1910, it was the Silver Jubilee, there were many prominent collectors and dealers in attendance. There are many who attended remember the time there was. The meet at Old Heidelberg will be well remembered.

The programs—8:00 p. m., Monday, August 11—Reception and exhibition of specialized collections by members of Detroit Philatelic Society and Michigan Stamp Club. Some interesting collections are to be shown.

Tuesday morning, August 12—Opening of business session. 1:30 p. m. Boat rlde to Bob Lo from foot of Woodward avenue, a 20 mile ride on Lake Erie to Canadian side. Here several hours wil be spent, returning about 6:30, in time for lunch and to attend the annual A. P. S. auction sale to be conducted by Mr. Voorhees of Chicago. For the ladies who do not care to attend a special entertainment has been provided.

Wednesday morning, August 13.—Business session. 1:30 p. m. An automobile ride taking in interesting points of Detroit—Belle Isle Park, Grosse Point, the lake shore of Lake Grosse St. Clair returning to Grand Boulevard East amongst the residence section to Woodward avenue, thence to Ford factory, here the visitors will be shown the greatest automobile factory in the world, turning out a complete model every five and one-half seconds. There will be more interesting points to be seen on return trip. 7:30 comes the dealers' and traders' night. This promises to be one of the interesting affairs of the meet. Those who have anything to sell or exchange bring them along, a splendid opportunity to do something.

Thursday morning, August 14—Business session. 7:00 p. m. comes the

big doings, the banquet. Good speakers will be on hand. As to eats the inner man will be well provided for.

Be early and stay late, see the big show. It will be Hail, Hail the Gang's All Here for they are jolly, good old fellows when you know them. The Precancelled Club of America will also meet those interested in the fascinating mode of collecting. Collectors should attend this meeting.

SWAMP LOVERS LEAGUE AT THE "PHILATELIA."

The Stamp Lovers League was the guest of its member, The Stamp Collectors' Club "Philatelia" of Brooklyn, on Saturday, May 24th. Notwithstanding the fact that it rained for two hours before the meeting, delegates and visitors were present from Newark, East Orange, Passaic, Rutherford, Jersey City and New York. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 and among other important subjects was the election of Mr. Gallagher of East Orange as vice-president. The Yorkville Stamp Society of New York City was admitted to the league and given the number eight.

After the meeting adjourned John Schoenberger held his first auction—a lively one too.

Prof. Morris Loewry of Woodcliff, recognized as America's greatest card shuffler, entertained with some very mystifying and puzzling tricks.

Miss Grosse sang, accompanied by Francis Grosse Jr., at the piano. Refreshments were served and the party started to break up about 1:30.

Among the visitors will be recognized President Meyer and Vice-President Ring of the Brooklyn Stamp Club, Mr. Joseph Hoffman, Chairman Ways and Means Committee of the S. P. A.; Dr. Serge Avason, well known specialist in early France; Mr. Anderson of Niland Stamp Shop, New York City, and Mr. J. Weisbuch of the Ace Stamp Co., Brooklyn.

Great credit for the success of the meeting must be given Mr. H. Deeken, secretary. Any real, live, active collector living in New York or Brooklyn may join the "Philatelia." Any local club within a radius of 25 miles of Newark is eligible for membership in the Stamp Lovers' League. Those interested should promptly get in touch with the undersigned.

FRANCIS F. GREELEY, 1087 East 4th St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

EARLY FRENCH POSTS.

Although there are no earlier postage stamps extant than the stamps of 1840, some of which were in the British portion of the Ferrari collection sold last month, prepaid letters were, however, known in France so far back as 1653, when a legal functionary named Velayer obtained a royal licence to set up letter boxes in various parts of Paris and to sell notepaper bearing the printed inscription, "Port paye, le —— du nois —— de ——, 1653." These forms were retailed at a sou apiece. A letter written on one of them was delivered to any part of Paris within twenty-four hours, provided the person sending it filled in the date when writing the address. Velayer issued a circular begging the public to lay in a stock, "so that there may be no difficulty in despatching a letter should urgent need arise." Parisians seem to have been shy of the new venture, for Velayer dropped it after a little more than twelve months' trial.—Manchester Guardian.

Canadian cancellation reads, "Post Office C. O. D. gives satisfaction." So do WEST Want X Ads.

RECENT CANADIAN CANCELLATIONS .- By W. Butler.

"Your Postman Sells Stamps" in four lines from Toronto and Kingston.

"Protect the Birds and Help the Crops" in four lines from Toronto and Montreal.

"Mail Early and Take Advantage of Mid-Day Mails" in three lines from Brockville.

"Visit H. M. S. Hood, July 1st, Vancouver" in four lines from Vancouver.

"Register All Letters of Value" in four lines from Calgary.

'Post Office C. O. D. Gives Satisfaction," in three lines from Winnipeg. "Invest in Post Office Savings Banks," in four lines from Guelph.

"Help Prevent Forest Fires" (Die one) in three lines from Toronto; and the same exhortation, also in three lines, but Die two from Winnipeg, Edmonton and Ottawa.

Newfoundland.—"British Empire Exhibition 1924" from St. John's; and "Address Mail to Street and Box Number" in five lines, also from St. John's.

ADVERTISING CANCELLATIONS .- By M. Sorensen.

Calgary, Alta., Canada, in 3 lines: HELP PREVENT FOREST FIRES. Hamilton, Ont., Can., in 4 lines: CLEAN UP, PAINT UP, BEAUTIFY, APR. 21ST TO MAY 3RD.

Medicine Hat, Alta., Can., in 3 lines: USE POSTAL NOTES, SAFE, CHEAP, CONVENIENT.

Lethridge, Alta., Can., in 3 lines: LETHRIDGE EXIHIBITION JULY 16-17-18 & 19.

Moose Jaw, Sask., Can., in 4 lines: INVEST IN POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK.

Toronto, Ont., Can., in 3 lines: PLACE RETURN ADDRESS ON ALL MAIL.

Liverpool, England, in 4 lines: BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR 1924 LONDON APR. 28-MAY 9. BIRMINGHAM MAY 12-23.

Calgary, Alta., Can., in 4 lines: CALGARY EXHIBITION AND STAMPEDE, JULY 7TH TO 12TH.

Winnipeg, Man., Can., in 4 lines: 1874-1924 WINNIPEG JUBILEE CELEBRATION JUNE 18TH-19TH.

Moose Lake, Minn., within a circular border: CELEBRATE THE FOURTH OF JULY AT MOOSE LAKE, MINN. This cancellation is evidently of "unofficial" origin.

In a bunch of covers received from "across the pond" I found the following advertising cancellations:

Liverpool, England, in 3 lines: CABLE TO CANADA, AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND VIA IMPERIAL.

Same office, in 4 lines: BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR FEB. 19-MCH. 2, 1923.

Corcaigh, Ireland, and other offices, in 3 lines: INVEST IN POST OFFICE SAVINGS BANK.

Same office, in 3 lines: LEARN IRISH TAILTEANN GAMES AUGUST. Baile Atha Cliath, Ireland, in 1 line: LEARN IRISH.

One of the covers from Corcaigh is franked with a British 2 pence stamp, surcharged in Celtic: SAORSCAC EIREANN 1922. This is at least

what it seems to be, though Celtic is something like Greek to me. And whatever the meaning is beyond me.

Saskatoon, Sask., Canada, in 5 lines: DON'T FAIL TO VISIT POSTAL EXHIBIT AT SASKATOON EXHIBITION JULY 21-26.

Port Arthur, Ont., Canada, in 4 lines: HAVE STREET ADDRESS ON ALL STATIONERY.

Down in Mexico the post offices have been cancelling letters with a legend, reading something like this in English: "Seek to make your country greater by teaching some one to read and write free of charge." More than 7,000 volunteer teachers have enrolled. There is power in that kind of cancellation.

MARYLAND (U. S. A.) STAMP EXHIBITION.

For an exhibit that was characterized as "a unique application of philately in the study of geography, especially applicable to education of the young children," J. W. Saybolt, a member of the Philatelic Section of the Maryland Academy of Sciences, Baltimore, Md., was given the Diploma of Merit of the Academy, at the spring exhibit of the Academy, held April 26, at the Academy building.

The exhibit that won the Diploma for Mr. Saybolt was a stamp-map, 8 by 10 feet. It was made of 16 panels, each 19 by 24 inches, and can be taken down and put together. Around the map is a 6-inch gold frame. The stamps are placed against a black background, the material used being something like that of blackboards. Each country (the map being that of South America) was outlined in stamps of the respective country; the Amazon River was outlined in the stamps of each country through which it passes. In the upper right hand corner is the Panama Canal Zone in enlarged scale. About 1,300 stamps were used; the amount of time required may be known when it is stated that outlining Brazil alone occupied 4 hours and 20 minutes. The map was made on scale from a large wall-map of South America. It is expected to show the exhibit in a number of public places, and afternoons will be set for school children to see it.

At the same exhibit F. R. Vernon Williams, who showed inverts of 1869 and the Bank Note issues of the United States, 1870-1882, was given a Certificate of Merit of the Academy for the most Meritorious Exhibit; Charles Dudley Wiegand also a Certificate for the exhibit giving the most information, Plating of the 1d. red, 1864, of Great Britain; and J. E. McCarter, an award by the Philatelic Section for the best arranged exhibit, that of British Colonials.

WHERE THOU MAYEST COVET.

Of course, the covetousness of the philatelist is not as other folks' coveting. It is legitimate and even flattering. As my good friend Mr. Harold J. Reckitt said at the J. P. S. (where he showed his matchless Nevis), it always gave him pleasure to show his collections to other collectors. What is the use, he asked, of getting together a fine collection unless you show it to make others envious? Certainly the philatelist who never exhibits his stamps misses much of the joy of the collector, and his loss is as great as that of the collectors who would rejoice to see his stamps, and revel for a spell in the very forgivable sin in the philatelic envy which stimulates but does not consume.—Postage Stamp.

RARE OLD STAMP IS SOLD FOR \$18,000 .- Sent by Page.

Daytona, Fla.,—M. de Beaujeu, a winter visitor here, from Windham, Greene County, N. Y., attracted considerable attention the other day when he sold a rare postage stamp to a Palm Beach man for the sum of \$18,000. Beaujeu is a dealer in rare postage stamps of a generally ancient vintage. The one which he said brought him \$18,000 was known as a Hawaiian "Missionary," of 1851; which, he said, was purchased two years ago at a sale of the Ferrary collection conducted by the French government. He bought the stamp for \$14,510, he said. This deal brought him little profit, however, Beaujeu said, because of the insurance necessary against fire and theft and also taxes on the rare stamp.

Among the more costly stamps which he now has in his possession are two "Ele de la Reunion," French possession in Africa, which are sald to be valued at \$1,200 each. He also has a banking and insurance stamp of the United States, which he termed as "inexpensive," its value being only \$150.

Beaujeu said he has just received an order from France for an old print of Saxony, a stamp of great value.

Beaujeu is a member of the Numismatic and Antiquarian Society of Montreal. He said he was the first philatelist to establish an office on Broadway, N. Y., which he closed when he retired from active business.

AMERICANS BUY RARE STAMPS.

More than sixteen million francs have so far been realized from the sale by the French government sequestre of the Ferrari de la Renotiere postage stamp collection, which was started two years ago, and which will continue until next year, when all the stamps will have been sold.

Most of the more valuable specimens have gone to the United States to enrich collections there. The Ferrarl collection was the largest and most valuable in the world.

Most of the stamps have fetched their full actual value at the sale, but one or two bargains have been picked up, including one stamp which the auctioneer announced was regarded as of "doubtful authenticity" and which was sold to an American connoisseur for 17,000 francs. The connoisseur discovered later that the stamp was genuine and worth approximately 150,000 francs.

Some of the most curious stamps sold were several Queen Victoria penny stamps printed on the gummed side as well.

HOW TO "COLLECT PROFESSIONALLY."

The professional collector never stays long in one place. He must travel constantly. Big auctions held in London, Paris, Vienna and New York draw crowds from all parts of the world. Then, too, the man who is out to miss no opportunity contracts the habit very quickly of searching in likely places for hidden rarities. Even so, after deducting the costs of this constant travel, the profits make the quest well worth while.—Telegraph.

THE RIBAUT MONUMENT.

On the 5c value of the Huguenot-Walloon issue is a picture of the Ribaut monument located at Mayport, Florida. The marker set by explorers in 1562 is being used by the government as a subject for a special 5 cent stamp.—Sent by W. Page, Coronado, Fla.

ON EIGHTY CENTS MAKES \$300, WHILE RE-INVESTOR GETS \$3,000.

Dentist Starts Philatelic Circles Talking by Selling Unusual Harding Stamps for Many Times Purchase Price—They Are Later Divided and Resold for Ten Times Sum He Got.

How an investment of eighty cents brought a return of \$300, which, in turn, netted the re-investor \$3,000 although his commodity is still worth no more than eighty cents, face value, is being discussed in awed whispers in Newark philatelic circles, and, in fact, national philatelic circles.

A philatelic circle is composed of people who collect stamps and are called philatelists. Philatelists have their own standards of value. A postage stamp which the United States government might value at two cents if nice and clean, may be worth a great deal more to philatelists, and often a used stamp which is of no value to the government at all except, perhaps, .00000001 of a cent as waste paper, may be worth many dollars to a collector.

The tale is now being told of a Newark dentist, Dr. Samuel Konwiser of 8 Shanley avenue, who purchased a block of Harding memorial two-cent stamps containing forty of the little black labels. He paid eighty cents for the stamps. However, the stamps were perforated in a peculiar manner. There were no perforations vertically and horizontally the little holes had been punched in an unusual manner.

Dr. Konwiser was offered \$225 for the stamps by J. A. Galbraith, a dealer of N. Y. The offer was refused, but the block was immediately sold to Ward, of Phila., who paid \$300 for the forty unused stamps, which he separated into ten blocks of four, which were sold by him for \$300 each.

Unperforated stamps would be considered a nuisance by some folks, but to the discriminating they hold potential financial returns in ratio greater than investments in sure-thing oil stocks.—Newark News.

BANKNOTE PAPER USED FOR STAMPS.

The republic of Latvia has not yet exhausted her surprises in the way of stamps printed on the paper economy stunt. The latest 1 rouble commemorative stamps are printed on the back of partly printed banknote paper, which looks in the sheet something like the tiled patterns of wall paper as used for papering the bath-room.

By the way, Mr. Jaeger recently sent an envelope bearing some of these commemorative stamps which had passed through the post. The envelope itself was something of a curio, it having been made out of part of one of the German maps, such as were used for printing the map stamps.—Stamp Lover.

MR. ARTHUR HIND.

Mr. Arthur Hind, the well-known American collector, and possessor of the unique British Guiana stamp from the Ferrari collection, has been on a visit to Bradford, to celebrate the ninety-fifth birthday of his father, Mr. Adam Hind (founder of the firm A. Hind & Sons), who, appropriately enough, was born on May 6, 1829, the day which, eleven years later, the first postage stamp was born. Mr. Arthur Hind's collection is insured for a million dollars—Philatelic Magazine.

Every day the sun rises the world is better.

Every day you get a coin your collection is better.—Sparks.

"THE MASK AND THE FACE."

Apropos of the foregoing and of a sueeessful play now performing in London, every stamp eollector—and many less fortunate folk—knows the Serbian issue of 1900 which, on being looked at from a certain direction, gives the illusion of a gruesome death's head. Stamp lovers who have anything like an extensive eollection number amongst their treasures the series of secret symbols which, during the French Revolution, while ostensibly representing a willow tree, hid in the branches the profile of Louis XVI. During the restoration the same sort of device was continued, the secret picture in this case being that of Napoleon.—Stamp Collecting.

COMMEMORATIONS!

The Olympic games stamps of France have been issued in a small series of four values which will earry on the succession from the VII. Olympiad which Belgium commemorated in the games stamps of 1920. The Byron Centenary which occurs this year, although it will not be marked by any British commemorative stamps, is to be celebrated in a stamp or several stamps of Greece.—Stamp Fortnightly.

ALL OF WHICH SHOWS WEMBLEY STAMP IS GREATEST EDUCATOR.

The King of England, whose collection of stamps is famous, made a special request that letters stamped with the new Exhibition stamp should be posted to him, bearing cancellation date mark.

Now that so many countries issue aeroplane stamps, many collectors are becoming specialists in airpost stamps and "flown covers." Others collect stamps issued during the Great War in combatant and neutral nations, and the issues of new Europe, including Poland, Latvia, Ukrainia, Soviet Russia, Memel, Danzig, Lithuania afford interesting fields for relatively inexpensive special collections. To sum up; the young collector should be a general collector first; later he may choose whatever special field attracts him.

After all there are not enough of the superfine "Great Moguls" for every eollector. The cheap stamp is often responsible for "creating the collector." The high price stuff sets the pace and turnishes the ideals to be aimed at. They are the high-watermarks of philately, but some of us long for the low spring-tides, when we can see the long stretch of sand and can paddle a bit, now and then, among the shoals of common stuff.—Stamp Herald.

Sometimes it is dearer to buy stamps in the country of their origin than it is to buy them hundreds of miles away. This is a eurious fact, and the reason may be that collectors on the spot set a higher value on their goods than outsiders do. Exchange correspondents will be able to verify the truth of this from their own experience.

CHINA.

We notice a new 6c value of Type A29 in searlet color. The seroll ornaments at the top are not shaded and the dots beneath the lines under ets are square and not round as in type A24.

The world would indeed be a dark and dreary place were it not for stamps.—Sparks.

WAR CANCELLATIONS AND CENSOR MARKS .- By Ned H. Starbird.

In my previous articles all my writing had to do with material relating to the Great War. Just for old time memories I am going to give in this article a few remarks about the cancellations of 1898, or our war with Spain. My collection is not very large but what I have is very interesting. Two covers posted from the Philippines, one with a 2-cent stamp surcharged "Philippines," the other a 2-cent government envelope with the word Philippines" printed in red underneath the stamp, bear the words in rubber stamped impressions, "Soldier's Mail." Two others are from Cuba. One with the postmark Cienfuegos, Cuba, June 3, 1899, bearing an ordinary 2-cent U. S. stamp, the other is dated July 17 and bears the first issue of the 2-cent Cuban stamps. Both are marked "Soldier's Mail."

Two other covers which to me seem very interesting were mailed from the Philippine Islands and are addressed to the famous war governor of Idaho, Gov. Frank Stuenenburg. One bears a military postmark about 1½ inches in diameter with a fourteen line obliterator attached. Reading from left to right are the words "Mil. Sta. No. 1, Philippine Islands." At the bottom "Manila." The date is in four lines, June 12, 1899, 10 a. m. In the upper left hand corner is the soldier's name and "Co. G 1st Idaho Inf. U. S. Vol." Across the front in rubber stamped impression, "Soldier's Letter." Post Chaplain. There is a name under the word letter but it is blurred. At the lower left in handwriting, "Soldier's Letter, Chas. E. Laske, Capt. and Ast. Surg. So it appears that about all mail from soldiers in our former wars has been censored in some way or other.

On the back is a square sticker about two inches in diameter with a blue border and white stars. At the bottom of the square and inside the border is a picture of a soldiers' camp, in the center an American flag with the words, "Accept a Soldier's Happy New Year From Manila, 98-99." The other cover bears a military postmark in purple ink. The size is about 14 inches but it is double circles, making a border and reads "Mil. Station, Philippine Isls., San Francisco, Cal." It is blurred at the top so I can't tell if there is a number to the station or not. Perhaps some West reader can inform me. The obliterator attached consists of three circles. It is dated Jan. 7, 1899. On the back is a Boise, Idaho, train stamp dated Feb. 14, 1898. So evidently this station was located in the Philippines and possibly called San Francisco Station. It is also interesting to note that during the Spanish War the soldiers were obliged to pay postage. Another cover bears the same cancellation as just mentioned and in addition there is an American flag on the front of the envelope, a picture of the "Maine" with the familiar words, "Remember the Maine." At the top is printed Co. H. 1st Idaho Inft. U. S. V.

Another cover bears a postmark in purple ink, single line, reading at top from left to right, "Mil. Sta. Angeles," at the bottom Phil. Isles. The date is in three lines in the center and reads dec. 21, 1899.

Another cancellation reads at top from left to right, Military Sta. This wording is semi-circular and follows the border. Directly underneath is "No. 8," "Holquin," "Mar 17," "Cuba," and "N. Y. P. O." are directly under each other. The obliterator is oval shaped with 11 bars with the year '99 between the name part and the cancellation. The receiving stamp for this office was as follows: "Military Sta." at top, then follows "No. 8" the date

"3—17—99," then the town "Holquin," "Cuba" and "N. Y. P. O." This evidently was considered a part of the New York Post Office.

A cancellation under date April 20, 1901, reads "Columbia Barracks" from left to right, and at the bottom "Hav., Cuba" This was located at Havana.

A cover mailed from Washington, D. C., bears on the back a Cuban and American flag crossed with an eagle pictured between.

If any of the West readers have any other types or any Spanish War covers, I would be pleased to describe them later in the "West" if they will mail them on to me for inspection.

About this time, 1902, the Boer war was on, and the other day I picked up a "Prisoner of War" cover mailed from Greyton, Cape of Good Hope, South Africa, addressed to Mr. Francis Smith, Prisoner of War, Darrel Island, Bermuda, No. 10993. It bears a double line triangular rubber stamp, the base measuring about two inches. In the border on the left side is "Passed," in the right side "Press" and in the base border is the word "Censor." This person evidently was a Boer prisoner and was sent to Bermuda to a prison camp. The stamp is the ordinary one penny rose, of 1893-1896 issue, Scott's number 53. The obliteration is rather peculiar. There are the figures "505" in the center of the obliteration which might possibly be a military station, while on the other hand it may have been the ordinary type used by the Cape postal authorities. Perhaps some "West" reader can give us some information on this.

\$2,000 STAMPS FIGURE IN SUIT.

Eighty-two Cape Colony penny postage samps valued at \$2,000 taken as collateral for a \$950 loan were filed in superior court yesterday by Attorney George F. Hannan in a sult to gain title to the curiosities for nonpayment of the loan.

Carl Utermark, traveling passenger agent for six large trans-Afaintic steamship lines, brought the suit against Peter Stewart to whom he says he loaned the money in 1910. With interest to date the total claim is \$1,707.41. Hannan says the stamps, now forty years old, have a listed value among old stamp dealers of approximately \$2,000 and asks that Utermark be given title to them so that he may recover on Stewart's obligation.—Seattle Paper.

Quite an excellent idea in the direction of propaganda is that of New Zealand. Every one of the million people of that progressive Dominion is pledged to send a certain number of picture postcards, representing New Zealand's scenic wonders to friends during the next few months. Special postcards are being printed. It is an official publicity scheme.—Stamp Fortnightly.

Pictorial stamps seem to interest almost every collector. Every copy provides a picture, which attracts the eye, and affords a subject for admiration or criticism. And, besides this, the picture on the stamp may tell something of the scenery of the country of its origin, something perhaps of the ways and customs of the people.

Notice the fellow who tries to sell you a counterfeit stamp or coin, he is a monster—like Satan he has three faces, one vermilion, one yellow, the third black.—Sparks.

CHOP-SUEY .- By Hartmann, Revenue Man.

This Chinese dish is very similar to Hamburger steak. Neither is known in their home country. At least I failed to get in Hamburg any so-called Hamburger. The saying is that Chop-Suey is the result of a California Chinese barber, which is more than can be said of Hamburger, of which the origin is unknown.

I doubt if any Gree(a)ce, Cayenne, or Turkey go into the mixture of chop-suey, but the chop-suey of a beginner generally is a liberal mixture of anything in paper resembling a stamp. You find postage stamps, clean or dirty mixed, garnered from a cheap package; off paper or not. Revenues, palmed off to the beginner by a more experienced person to him as a scarce stamp. He has not yet learned to know the meaning of the inscription. Perhaps picks up some fine looking exposition labels and trade marks. Finds an envelope with a register label of a foreign country; so it joins in his chop-suey. All make fine ingredients of his fancy chop-suey, and he relishes the same. A beginner's enthusiasm is still hot and he swallows the chop-suey whole, but after a while he commences to pick, to note that the taste is different and he commences to reason. He commences to inspect the ingredients and finds the meat and sprouted beans, and the beginner's chop-suey is gone, and he tries a Hamburger for diversion.

Now a Hamburger (mostly tough) you can find anywhere eats are served, so you can find hobbyists anywhere. He eats the Hamburger to nourish his intellect (may be). May be only a bug hunter, but the bugs got him. Another paddles through the mud of a pond to catch a particular nymph. One is an ardent postage collector; rather sits at his abode than go to a movie. There are a few nuts who want fiscal stamps, to reveal in the fact what other fellows have to pay. The study of revenues goes a good deal further back than 1840; the beginning of the postage era with the one penny black of Great Britain.

In the interesting Fiscal Philatelist, 1892, is a treaty on the deed stamps of England, giving the description of a bill presented in 1703, instituting an act by Queen Anne. Generally colorless embossed on blue paper. As date is not given the part of the vellum or parchment is often necessary to establish the exact date on indentures, bonds, deeds, etc. For writs, etc., the paper is vermillion. Walter Morley offered in 1892 a Queen Anne deed stamp for 15sh. Later in 1714-15 also stock transfers. Retailing ale, wine, etc., a stamp was used. These embossed stamps come with or without die letter, Geo. I, 1714-27; Geo. II to 1760, and so on through the different reigns to the present time. Many of the old deed stamps resemble a tombstone with inscription. The VI pence is the mostly found. The British hat tax passed in 1784, in the 34th reign of Geo. III., a license to sell hats at retail. No matter if the hat was of felt, wool, stuff, or beaver. A 3d, 6d, 1sh and a 2sh were issues for hats from below 4sh up to above 12sh in value.

Perhaps you remember some years ago a large offering of Canadian tobacco bands with the different district town printed in, like: Hamilton, Ottawa, Toronto, Quebec, etc. Quite an exhaustive list is found in the Fiscal Philatelist, 1892-3. For a hobbyist, with means, who has not to eat Hamburger every day because it is cheap, and desires a hobby to be compact, the telegraph stamp should meet his fancy. Not too many issued, hard to get; with issues of untold interest, and the possibility to study the telegraph cancellation used on postage, or revenue stamp or document.

The large stamp of the Electric Telegraph Co., 1851; The Magnetic Telegraph Co., 1853, and so on. Through all the turmoil of 1914-23, only a few telegraph stamps were issued. No doubt he can make a chop-suey of many countries, but it will be a dignified mixture and be relished by any collector.

Revenue stamp collecting used to be as regard the Hamburger mostly well done; that used only, but I commence to feel that the raw Hamburger will be more asked for since 1917, with the monetary drops, even the revenue stamps must be considered; raw or well done. So many O. G. coming on the market, in fact often more common than the used copy, so a different view point will slowly gather headway. Mark my word, some of the German revenues of the period of 1921-23 will be scarce. It may be the 10pf., or the one Milliard stock transfer stamp. Austria had its share, especially the schaumwein (champagne) stamps, which are hard to get; Poland had a land slide. There is a man makes permits pay. He got them by the thousands and knows all about them. It is not guesswork to him.

Now this chop-suey would not be perfect without a touch of romance. Fifty years ago I was only a boy, just commencing to dabble with stamps, but this has nothing to do with the present time. Last year I bought a job lot of older revenues and found among them a part of a document which bore document stamps used by my uncle in Hamburg. After 50 years they came to me as a reminder of the past, and have now a special corner in my collection.

Friends, believe me, mix your chop-suey according to your own taste but take my advice, mix no tough Hamburger with it.

Study each stamp and colors; ask your elders, school teachers, etc., the cause or reason of the changes; why some first have women's heads, then men, such as the old Spanish had a Queen's head on it, now it has a King's head; why some countries have all sorts of heads on them, such as the United States of America which has several different heads, 1c has one head, 2c has another head and so on; why some have animals, railway engines, emblems, etc., etc. You will find it very interesting to know all about these things. Remember there is not one stamp that has a picture on it without a reason or a cause. You may get profits in stamp collecting.

Stamps have always been a favorite pastime with boys and girls; and the great increase in interesting specimens since the war, which altered the map and consequently the postage of the world, has made collecting more fascinating than ever. Abroad, collecting is gaining in interest among all ages and classes and in western cities of the United States the same thing is happening.

Preliminary steps are under way for the New Zealand Philatelic Exhibition to be held in Christ-church this year. The last exhibition was a decided success from all accounts, and it was during this congress of philatelists that a resolution was adopted urging the N. Z. Government to undertake the formation of a National Stamp Collection.

The stamp you intend to acquire tomorrow—get it today. Keep it up and your collection will grow faster.—Sparks.

A PRECANCEL STORY .- By the Milk Man.

Last Christmas while on my regular route, I saw the mail wagon coming my way with a load of Christmas presents so I jumped out of my wagon and held up my hand for him to stop, which he did. I then jumped in saying, "I wonder if you have anything good in here," and as all the mail men know I am a little bit off and harmless, he took it good natured and said look around and see for yourself. The only thing that looked really good to me was a couple of packages with Grinnell. I looked at the address and saw it was close by so I told him I would ride as far as that address and try to get those stamps. When I asked the lady she said "I would like to give them to you but they belong to a lady who lives several miles away and when we take her the package, I will tell her you want the stamps. So a few days later, Saturday evening, I called and she said, "O, I forgot to tell her," and she looked so sorry I handed her a bottle of cream, saying you will need this for your Sunday dinner and maybe it might help you remember next time you see her." Well, my visions vanished as a lot of other experiences have, and became only a sad memory.

A few days ago I was passing the same house in my milk wagon, when the same lady called to me to stop and I stopped expecting she wanted to buy some milk and I thought maybe I would get a new customer from that little bottle of cream. But no, unfortunately for my employer, she didn't want any milk. She said, "Do you still collect those precancelled stamps?" And I said "Yes." She said, "Do you remember me telling you about the lady who lived several miles away, that received the packages from Grinnell? Well, she died a few days ago and the day before she died, she told me to open her trunk and pointed to this little envelope and told me to give it to you." I said, "That was very kind of her, especially as she had never seen me." She said, "That was her way, always thinking of others. She neglected her own health looking after others." I could not keep back the tears as I opened the envelope and found about 25 Grinnell, Iowa, precancelled, all nicely on the paper just as I would have taken them off myself. Several varieties from 1c to 50c.

In the future as I look through my large collection of precancelled stamps and come to Iowa, seems to me I will always pause when I come to the few Grinnells I have. They look very pretty but my mind will be on something else besides stamps—to a place farther away than Iowa.

Years ago there was a dealer who, when he was offered scarce stamps, dipped them into a pail of water he had handy under the counter, and offered the vendor an 'umteenth part of their true value. Nine times out of ten the deal came off. Since then he has changed his name and some of his methods, which seems to point to the fact that stamp dealing is a profitable business.

Are you a Philatelic booster? Is there a library, Y. M. C. A. or Y. W. C. A. in your town? If so help spread the gospel of philately and send in a subscription for your home town library, Y. M. C. A. or Y. W. C. A. Three years \$1, one year 50 cents. West started this offer over 20 years ago.

Don't waste time—you still have enough left if you start now. It's useless to worry because you did not start collecting forty years before your birth—just as good fish in the sea now as ever were caught.—Sparks.

TO BE JUST A PLAIN COLLECTOR.

The hobby is just a "hobby," a pastime offering enjoyment and relaxation for which stamp collecting is so highly recommended. Why should we tax our brain with the minute minor differences such as missing dots, shifts, broken type, perforations and what not. Stamp papers are full of lengthy articles on technical points that interest only a few specialists and seldom give space to the cheap, common, "trash" that is really the foundation of most collections. Let's pay attention to the common stamps. Who wouldn't much rather look over a nice lot of beautiful 20th Century stamps than some old poorly printed "classic" that looks as though it went through a flood. Don't be ashamed of your New European stamps.

Look over those cheap Liechtenstein stamps. The coloring is good, the designs are nice, the set makes nice display, it cost you but a few cents, perhaps you got them for nothing. A hundred such sets from a hundred countries would make a wonderful collection and cost very little. It is great fun to be just a plain collector.—Owl Hoots, N. Y.

Among the most interesting stamps of Empire is Canada's map stamp, issued in 1898, for the introduction of Imperial penny postage, a suspended reform which it was hoped would be restored to us with the opening of the Empire Exhibition. This stamp, about the same size as the "Huguenot Wembley stamps" shows the world on Mercator's projection, with the British possessions indicated in red. The line quoted on the stamp has been criticised as magniloquent, "We hold a vaster Empire than has been."

The sportsman gets his joy out of his catch or kill, not out of the value of it alone, but out of the excitement of the chase and there is rare sport and excitement in a chase through Mission stamp packet mixtures. It gives bigger thrills than any other mixtures because they are unpicked, never chased over before you get them.

According to messages from Geneva, the Liechtenstein authorities, having decided on the use of Swiss postage stamps, have just had all remaining stocks of Liechtenstein stamps destroyed at the Swiss paper mill at Eichberg. The stamps, about nine millions, are said to have represented £640,000.

GOLD COAST.

A stamp worth looking for is No. 301 the ½p Postage Due, (in addenda of catalogue.) Only 6,000 issued according to Stamp-collecting and no more will be printed as there is no longer a need for this stamp.

AUCTION RESULTS.

According to the "Stamp Herald" a lot of Danzig stamps cataloging \$45.00 was bought at around \$86.00 which is almost double catalogue value.

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A stamp, like a dog, is no good if it continually curls up in the corner. Special postage stamps to commemorate the British Empire Exhibition were available when the Exhibition was opened.

It is far better to possess a small stamp collection than none at all.

The First International Exhibition to be held in Norway has been arranged by The Christiana Filatelist Club to be held September 19 to 28, 1924.

As collectors confidently expected, the signing of the treaty between Italy and Jugo-Slavia that made Fiume a part of Italy has been commemorated in an issue of stamps.

Definitive pictorial stamps have appeared in Nauru. The central subject is a view of Nauru, showing a vessel of a phosphate company lying off a palm-fringed shore.

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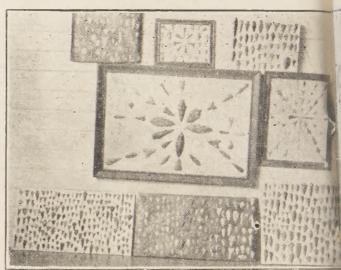


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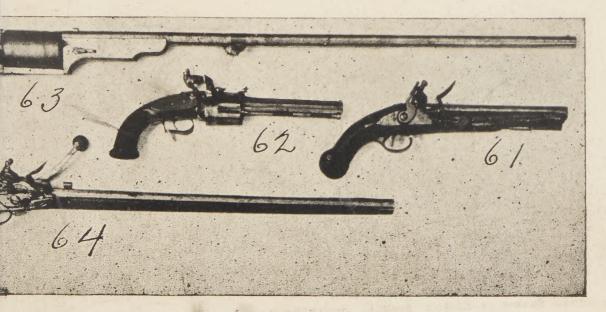
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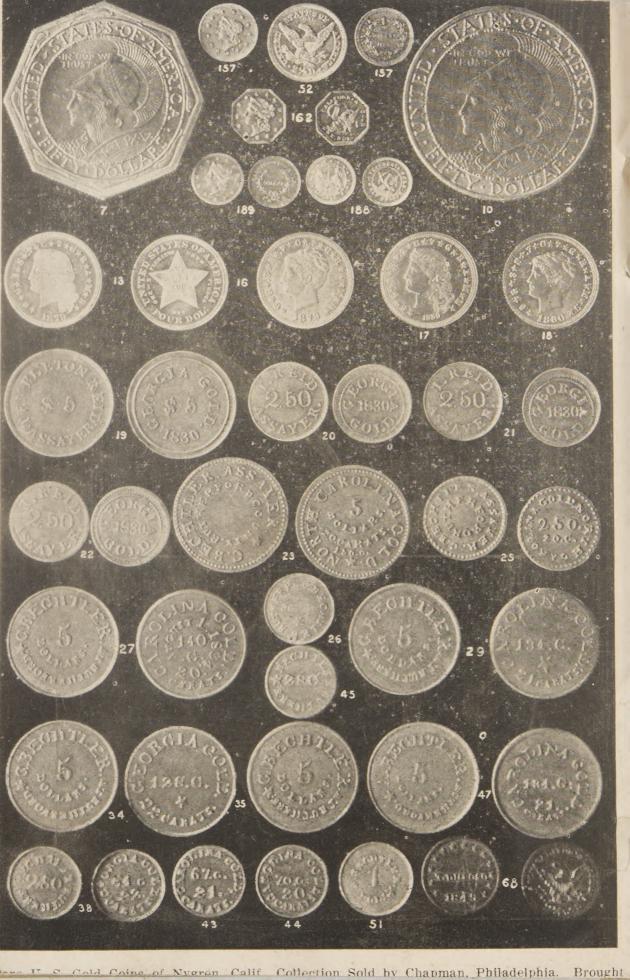


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The following jingle, instead of being witty as it was intended it should have been, really is serious and contains an unpleasant truth:

The rouble once was treated with respect, The guinea was a thing that people prized; The franc, as you will doubtless recollect, Had merits that were widely recognized: In other years the humble little mark Had value that it never will get back; I remember, and I am not a patriarch, When the dollar was a handsome piece of jack.

The rouble has become a gruesome joke, The pound has lost the dignity it had; The mark is flattened by a fatal stroke,

The franc's condition, frankly's rather bad;

The lire and crown are full of nasty dents, The florin isn't soaring very high; The dollar still is worth a hundred cents, But little that the hundred cents will buy.

While Russia, Germany and Austria for years issued no other money than paper, which eventually became utterly worthless because it had no metal reserve behind it, efforts are being made to get these countries back on a more sound financial basis. Gold and silver is coined to stabilize the currency at a certain rate of exchange. The new coins of Austria and Germany are very pretty and artistic.

Costa Rica has issued a new set of silver coins in denominations of 1 peso, 50 and 25 centavos, struck over other coins. The peso piece is struck over a former 50 centavo piece, the 50 centavo piece over a former 25 centavo piece, etc. This move was probably prompted by a desire to keep its silver coins from going to the melting pot.

Egypt has issued a new set of silver in denominations of 1 dollar, 50 and 25 cents—or more properly speaking, 20, 10 and 5 piasters. The coins are in simple, beautiful designs; obverse bearing a good portrait of the king. The coins also carry inscriptions, but as my knowledge of these characters is somewhat limited I have to contend myself with guessing at what it should be.

While Europe is hungry for gold to the extent that the currency of some nations of the once wealthy continent is not worth the paper on which it is printed, down in Yucatan are millions of gold coins, mostly American gold, which is completely out of circulation, being used entirely for purposes of ornamentations. The Yucatan ladies, both white and those of Indian mixture, have a mania for gold necklaces. At a recent dance it was estimated that more than half a million dollars in American gold was displayed in the form of necklaces worn by the bronzed belles. Few of the chains had less than \$250 in coin dangling from them, and one chain had as much as \$2,000 worth of gold on it. No matter how great the poverty these coins are

never broken off and spent. They are handed down from mother to daughter, and each generation adds a few coins to the string.

When the Bland silver dollar, which gradually is being withdrawn from circulation, was as common as the paper dollar of today the coin was admired for the strikingly beautiful profile which the designer gave to the head of the Goddess of Liberty. Thousands of persons through whose hands the coin passed have asked who the model was. The rather indefinite answer was, a Philadelphia schoolmistress. The profile was that of Miss Anna W. Williams, who recently retired after 40 years of service in the Philadelphia schools.

The Bland dollar was first coined 47 years ago. Many applicants offered their heads as models for the goddess, but George Morgan, the designer, had apparently little difficulty in making a selection, for he announced Miss Williams' head the most perfect he had ever seen. It was not necessary for him to idealize his subject. The coin bore the portrait of the model. Americans have frequently objected to the figures or symbols on their coins, but in the Bland dollar they approved the designer's work.

More than 500 million silver dollars were minted before 1914, when the supply of silver purchased under the Bland act was exhausted. In 1921 the coinage of the silver dollar was resumed to replace the 270 million which was sold to Europe during the war.

There is nothing to prevent Henry Ford from making and issuing currency, thinks the Christian Science Monitor and asks why Mr. Ford does not do so.

State banks formerly issued currency. They were discouraged in this by a prohibitive tax. Recently the Supreme Court of the United States decided that any tax of a regulative and prohibitive nature and not primarily tor revenue is unconstitutional. This decision is interpreted by The Monitor as opening the way for state banks to issue currency as they did before the War of the Rebellion.

This raises an interesting possibility. If a considerable number of people think as Mr. Ford does, that an increase of currency circulation would help the country we may be thrown into a discussion worse than the famous double standard controversy of 1896.

One of the most valuable of English coins was sold at auction recently in London for \$1,100. The specimen was one of the 15 "petition" crowns, or 5-shilling pleces, issued in the reign of Charles II. At that time a Dutchman was appointed engraver for new coinage, much to the dismay of Thomas Simon, coin designer of the day. He therefore made an effort to regain his appointment by producing his "petition" erown, around which he engraved an appeal to the king, asking him to compare his work with that of the Dutchman.

The "petition" crown is one of the most beautiful coins ever designed, but in spite of this was Simon's coin rejected. A few specimens of the coin have been brought to this country.

The government of Poland is preparing to issue special bonds to facilitate the payment of taxes. Pending the passage of the act the government is accepting payment of taxes in kind and farmers have been informed that the capital levy will be accepted in grain.

The grain is turned over to a special government office charged with its exportation. The sum received is turned over to the finance ministry and

the taxpayers credited with the amount of their contribution in gold francs.

The thirty pieces of silver for which Judas betrayed Christ would amount to about \$11.28 in U. S. money.

Silver half-dimes were coined from 1830 to 1873.

The design on our ten-cent piece is taken from the Roman fasces, which are a bundle of rods having among them an ax with the blade projecting. Such were borne before the Roman magistrates as a badge of authority.

The Indian head on the five dollar bill is not a portrait of any particular Indian, but is called an idealized or composite head.

According to the annual report of the director of the mint there were 321 silver dollars minted bearing the date 1804. Conflicting stories are current respecting this celebrated dollar. One, that the entire coinage was aboard a vessel which sunk in the Mediterranean sea and the cargo lost. Another, a doubt that any dollars were struck during this year, the belief being that dollars bearing this date were struck years later, hence those in existence are "restrikes." Another disposes of the question by stating "all are restrikes or frauds." It is generally believed that not more than a dozen genuine "restrikes" are in existence. The dies were destroyed in 1869. The first known specimen was sold in Philadelphia, 1907, for \$36,000.

The first mint west of the Mississippi river was located at Mt. Bullion, where the California \$50 gold "slugs" were struck. The ruins still can be discerned as well as the vault in which the gold was stored. Fremont had his bome in the town of Bear Valley, near Mt. Bullion, where his house stood until burned. Most of the windows and doors of the business houses in this deserted mining town are protected by iron which indicates the unsettled condition existing in those early days. The city got its name from the fact that Kit Carson kept the entire population alive for one winter by killing bear in the vicinity sufficient to keep the miners from starving to death.

A slab now marks the site where the old mint stood.

The various issues of Continental currency was never redeemable by the United States as re-organized under the Constitution. By act of August 4, 1790, it was receivable at the treasury in subscriptions to a loan at the rate of \$100 in Continental money for \$1 in specie. By the act of March 3, 1797, it was declared that said money should be receivable as above until December 31, 1797, and no longer.

The \$10 United States note, series of 1880, had on the reverse side an eagle, which, when the bill was turned upside down, showed the outline of a donkey's head. It is not known whether this was done purposely by a disgruntled designer, or whether it was simply an accident. However, it is largely a figure of imagination. It is likely that the stories current as to the cause of the donkey's head on the bill may be classed along with those current about the much talked of "Catholic" dollar.

It costs the bureau of engraving and printing \$.0155 per note to produce national bank notes, and \$.009 for United States notes and certificates.

The dollar was introduced into America by the West India trade before the revolution. The coinage act of April 2, 1792, legalized it and established it as a unit of American currency. The inconvenience of the English system led Congress in 1781 to instruct Robert Morris to devise a system of national coinage. His suggestions were not adopted, but those proposed by Jefferson were approved. He proposed the dollar as a unit to be equivalent to one hundred cents.

MAINE'S BEST COLLECTION OF OLD MONEY.

In an old leather-bound ledger, Walter B. Gould of Bangor has a collection of paper money which, if it were rated at its face value, would be worth several thousand dollars. It includes samples of the currency authorized by the Colonial Congress in '76, some of the fractional currency issued during the Civil war, and many bank notes issued by Maine financial institutions in the period before and after the Civil war.

The attitude toward "Continentals" has not changed in the 150 years since the colonies revolted against Great Britain. "Not worth a Continental," as a contemptuous phrase, is just as true today as it eyer was, Mr. Gould says. None of his samples of very early currency are worth even their face value, and some of them are absolutely worthless.

Any of the fractional currency issued during the Civil war is worth face value or more now, he says. These notes, running from 5 to 50 cents in value, can be redeemed at any bank, but they are the only part of the collection which would bring a price.

The value of the Confederate bills which are in the ledger is determined by the clearness of the engraving. Some of the \$50 bills are worth 25 cents, the others are worth less or nothing.

The notes issued by forgotten Maine banks are interesting. Few of them have been seen for many years. There is currency signed by officers of the old Norumbega and Maritime banks of Bangor, and other notes issued before 1861 by banks in Ellsworth, Old Town, Frankfort, Rockland and other Maine towns that no longer have banks. In the collection there is also an abundance of "shin plasters," the private scrip with which lumbering companies paid their laborers in the early days.

Yellowed by time and in some cases torn by rough handling, these bills are interesting because they reveal why Maine people were suspicious of paper money almost up to the 20th century. There was such an abundance of currency that "hard money" was extremely scarce.

Mr. Gould, who for many years conducted a wholesale and retail candy business in Bangor remembers days when all the money that came in was either currency or pennies, which were not then and are not now good as legal tender for over one dollar.

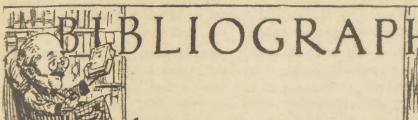
The collection represents 25 years of effort on the part of Mr. Gould and he has collected from Maine to California. He has bought thousands of the old bills and has sold many to western collectors. Though the value of most old bills is little, he enjoys making the collection because he believes the historical interests in and value of paper money is equal to that of postage stamps.

No postage stamps were issued in the United States prior to 1847, and yet a ten cent stamp of that year brings \$75.00 if it is well preserved. A \$10 or \$50 bill of any year from 1820 to 1850 can be obtained for a few cents.

Mr. Gould collects not only paper money of the United States, but foreign money as well. He also collects old documents and stamped paper of all kinds for the Bangor Historical Society and is an authority on old stamps.

3,000-YEAR-OLD AXE.

A bronze axe head five inches long, found by a ploughman in a field at Horwood (Devon), has been identified by British Museum authorities as a Celtic implement of about 1200 B. C.—Sent by Clarke.





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One of the rarities of modern poetry is the volume entitled "The Soul's Destroyer" by W. Davies.

A rare volume of books on the Niagara Falls is a book by W. D. Howells called "Niagara, Revisited Twelve Years After Our Wedding Journey." Not more than a dozen copies were circulated.

Recently an autographed letter of Oliver Cromwell's brought \$375.00.

An original love letter of John Dryden 1655, brought \$1,050.00.

The Laws of California, 1848, the first known book published in San Francisco, sold for \$3,150.00.

Other early laws to bring good prices were, "Louisiana Laws" printed in St. Louis in 1808, \$400.00, and laws of New York, 1710,\$775.00.

Blackmore's Lorna Doone, first edition, in three volumes, brought \$120.00 at a late sale.

James Joyce's recently completed book "Ulysses" has been banned from coming into this country. It has been classed as indecent, but they show up occasionally and bring about \$35.00.

One of the rarest books to find in good condition is what is known as a block book. These preceded the printed book, and were published in the early 1400. One sold for \$2000.00 at a New York sale.

A rare overland journey item called "Reid's Tramp," Selma, Ala., 1858, sold recently for \$600.00.

Another rare western item which brings a fancy price is the "Narative of the Adventures of Zenas Leonard," Clearfield, Pa., 1839. One sold for \$1700.00.

Books by William Bushnell written in the '60's and '70's are now being sought after by collectors of Americana. They contain thrilling romances of the Indian, fur traders, etc.

In a late sale Joseph Conrad's manuscript of "Victory" brought \$8100.00. A first edition of Kipling's "School Boy Lyrics," his first book, sold for \$1150.00.

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"Wait! You may lose!" Anyone can get a poor collection in a hurry. Better to lose a minute than never get there.—Sparks.

INDIAN RELICS OF NEBRASKA .- By Brookings.

It will surprise one to inspect the truly fine collections of strictly Nebraska relics gathered by Mr. Hill of Hastings, Miles Maryott and others, If they can be prevailed upon to unpack their treasures.

As for our relics—we have a greater variety than the East, for the collections spoken of contain about everything found there with the exception of a few ceremonials such as banner stones and a few others which have so far never been found in Nebraska. But they do contain many types of stone and bone implements not found back there.

Mr. Hill has a fine steatite mortar that was found near Culbertson which is the equal of any I have ever seen and his collection of bone scrapers, digging tools, etc., are the envy of everyone who has had the good fortune to inspect them, among them is a peculiar sort of gouge, unlike anything found elsewhere and the digging tools made from the wide shoulder blade of the buffalo is unknown east of the Missouri river.

Another implement made of Dakota sandstone also seems to have been a strictly western product, they are commonly called Indian files, having a well defined groove running their full length and were undoubtedly used for the purpose of smoothing arrow-shafts. They are not at all uncommon and are to be found upon almost anw old camp site.

Our flint arrow and spear points show just as great a variety of shapes as those from the East, but as a rule are of much better workmanship. Most of those found in the central sections of the state are of brown jasper, for we have located several beds of this material. It may be a surprise to know that some of the finest bird points of the whole country are found from here (Hastings) west to the mountains and as wonderful examples of the flint chippers' art rank with the famous Oregon points.

Large double pointed fint objects of unknown use are occasionally found in the central part of the state and the state historical collection contains one found at Fullerton 22 inches in length. Mr. Hill has another from Superior 18 inches long.

Stone axes, celts, mortars, pestels and grooved tent mallets are picked up in nearly all localities. Herman Klier recently found a beautifully made as while plowing southwest of Hastings and several parties in town have finely made ones from this section.

Pipes are usually found in graves and the Hill collection contains many of them, made from almost every sort of workable stone, those of red pipestone or catlinite being the most common, but I think these are of a later date than the ones made of other material. Just recently Mr. Hill obtained one from the grave of a child which he excavated near Guide Rock. Upon it is the well carved effigy of a bear, and while it was broken by a spade in digging it out, it has been restored and is one of the finest relics I know of.

Much pottery has been found at various places and most of it proves the Nebraska Indian to have been a fine workman in this line, for it will compare favorably with any with the exception of that from Arizona and New Mexico. Some whole pieces have been taken out of house sites near Omaha but most of it is in fragments too small to be restored. I have half of a pot that I dug from an excavation on the Thorne farm near Bladen and just recently some boys told me of a whole piece being found by a Mr. Biermand at the camp south of Ingleside. Most of it is an undecorated gray colored ware, but occasionally one finds fragments of a beautiful red

ware still showing evidences of being glazed. We have been living in hopes of unearthing enough of one of these to enable us to restore it. Whether this ware is of later or earlier date than the other we have so far been unable to determine.—From Hastings Paper.

Dr. Chesshir of Geneva found a perfect pipestone pipe near Guide Rock.

RELICS TO JEFFERSON CITY.

The first consignment of the Harry L. George collection of Indian relics of every description, said to the largest and most complete of its kind in the world, has been received from St. Joseph, Mo., by the Missouri Resources Museum to whom the collection has been given here.

The first shipment of the specimens of Indian handiwork includes only eight large boxes, while the entire collection fills 170 boxes. Indian war clubs, many of them extremely artistic in their design and carving; papoose cradles of various sizes; bundle carriers, and a wide assortment of baskets were included in the first shipment. A large kettle drum or tomtom, was also received. This instrument is double-headed, the heads being of buckskin, and is richly ornamented with beads and the characteristic painted Indian designs.

Harry L. George, who spent twenty years in accumulating this collection of relics and who is now dead, made a special effort to procure specimens from every Indian tribe in America. He was especially interested in Indian basketry and the collection contains baskets from the size of the small hickory nut to the capacity of a bushel of more. The entire collection includes many thousands of pieces, some of which could not be replaced.

West has used many illustrations of these.

MEDALS PRESENTED BY PRESIDENT.

The gold medals awarded this year by the Roosevelt Memorial association were presented last week by President Coolidge in the East Room of the White House. Elihu Root received the Roosevelt medal for distinguished service in the administration of public office. Associate Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, of the U. S. Supreme Court, received the medal for his work in developing public law. Former President Charles W. Eliot of Harvard was recognized for his services in developing the qualities that go to make up the American character. (C. E., March 31-April 4, §1.) Mr. Root and Justice Holmes attended the White House ceremonies and received their medals in person. Dr. Eliot was unable to be present. His medal was accepted for him by one of his friends.

OVER QUARTER BILLION COINS MINTED IN 1923.

Washington, D. C.—Mints of the United States coined 254,277,250 pieces of United States new money of a value of \$114,575,080 in 1923, the director of the mlnt reported today. In addition the mint struck off 4,369,000 pieces for Peru.

Included in the United State coinage for 1923 were 2,268,250 gold double eagles, 56,631,000 silver dollars, 2,452,000 half dolkars, 11,076,000 quarters, 56,729,000 dimes, 41,859,000 nickels and 83,423,000 pennies.

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EL RENO, OKLA., AMERICAN WIGWAM OPENED FOR USE OF PUBLIC.

Probably no other newspaper in the entire United States maintains a museum, rest room, club and committee room which is always open to the public.

This room, which recently has been equipped, now houses the valuable collection of Indian curios owned by E. S. Bronson. This collection which is the result of a quarter of a century of careful selection contains relics from many Oklahoma tribes, including many pieces formerly owned by well known chiefs. The exhibit has been appraised at \$50,000.

Represents Interesting Stories.

In 1902 when E. S. Bronson and N. A. Nichols came into Oklahoma with a group of people from Trenton, Mo., to start the town of Thomas, their first Oklahoma newspaper, The Thomas Daily Tribune was published in a tent. Curious Indians gathered around the new establishment and the editors soon were buying moccasins or other bits of beadwork to send back to relatives in Missouri as souvenirs of the Indian country.

In this way the collection was started. Some of the pieces represent many months of bartering before the Indians could be induced to part with them and many of them are associated with interesting stories, either of their purchase or of their former owners.

Many distinguished visitors have viewed the collection, some of them traveling many miles for the purpose. While it was still at Thomas a special train was run to the little Oklahoma town carrying Ambassador James Bryce, prominent railroad officials and a former governor of Missouri, merely to see the exhibit.

Civil War Relics Are Included.

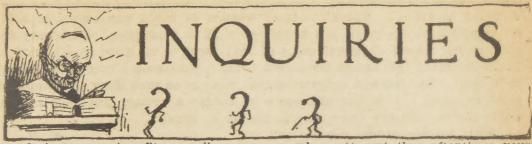
When Bronson and Nichols bought The American and moved to El Reno in 1914 the Indian relics were moved here and four years ago they were taken to the state capitol to be loaned to the state historical society.

In addition to the Bronson collection of Oklahoma Indian relics, there are a number of pieces from Indians of the north and west loaned by J. L. Nichols of Trenton, Mo., as well as many interesting Civil war relics.

The decorations of the room include panels depicting Indian scenes, lights shaded by miniature tepees and beautiful Navajo rugs. An illuminated picture of Bryce canyon, Utah, called "The Silent City" is a gift from T. H. Beacom, former El Reno resident and now receiver for the Denver & Rio Grande railway. A radio is also being installed for the pleasure of friends who visit the Wigwam.

FINDS IN OLD BOOKS.

In a copy of "Paul and Virginia" purchased at a book stall a Parisian student found a slip of paper which entitled him to \$1,500. A story is also told of a wandereing book buyer who, interested by a glance through an old volume of poems offered for a few cents on a bookstall on the banks of the Seine, purchased it, and, on reaching home, found two of the pages stuck together. Opening them carefully, he found inside three banknotes for 1,000 francs each and a letter, dater half a century earlier, which read: "Friend, whoever thou art, thou hast read this book to the end; be legatee of this little fortune, all my pen has brought me in fifty years. May the Muses be more favorable to thee, for thou are surely a man of letters."



It is to your benefit as well as ours as when not sent thus oftentimes your answer does not reach me in time to be answered in the next Issue and is consequently held over a whole month. All questions relative to coins and paper money, curios, minerals, etc., should be sent to the editors of these departments. Owing to the large number of inquiries received it is impossible to get them all into print at once. Each must take its turn. For this reason should you desire a reply at once, we ask that you enclose a stamp and we will reply direct.

Mr. Riley Irvin, Broughton, Ill.: The old newspaper, Ulster County Gazette, January, 1800, may be genuine, but it will take an expert to decide. There are now more re-prints and reproductions in existence than the original issue of the paper.

M. S.

- Q. How many Americans have had their portraits on the Philippine stamps? F. R. G.
- A. There have been seven: Washington, Franklin, Lincoln, McKinley, Major General H. W. Lawton, Rear Admiral Sampson and Admiral Dewey.
 - Q. When and to what extent were three dollar gold pieces coined?

G. A. B.

A. Three dollar gold pieces were coined from 1854 to 1889 Inclusive. The grand total amounting to \$1,619,376,000.

Miss B. Huss, Phila., Pa.: I regret very much to say that I am unable to help you locate the firm you are seeking. Try writing the postmaster at Beverly and enclose self addressed and stamped envelope for reply. M. S.

J. E. Robinson, Richmond, Va.: Can you tell me where I can secure a list of coin collectors as I have quite a few coins for sale?

Ans.: You will find names and addresses of many coin collectors in the "West." No list is published giving names and addresses of all coin collectors in the country. If interested in coin collecting I suggest that you join the American Numismatic Association. If you will write me I will give you further information about this organization.

M. S.

W. O. Watson, Charlottesville, Va.: It is against the law to kill small birds and destroy their nests, but I think nothing would be sald about collecting single eggs for scientific or other purposes or about offering such a collection for sale.

M. S.

Conrad Prine, Winneconne, Wis.: It would take an expert to establish the genuiness of the violin you write about. The name "Ole Bull" on the back of it is no proof that it ever belonged to the great Norwegian violinist. This world is full of humbug. There are more so-called Stradivarius violins in this country than Stradivarius ever turned out during his life time. In this city alone three Stradivarius violins came to light last winter.

The Frances E. Willard medal is worth about 50 cents. But the Jamestown stamp is worth just a few cents—It is quite common. M. S.

Anton Hegglin, Harrisburg, Ill.: I am making a collection of Indian Head cents, and have quite a few: 1879-80-87-89-90-91-92-93-96-97-98-99-1900-02-03-04-05-06-07-08-09. Is 1909 the last Indian Head cents? Is there a premium on the 1877 and 1909 Indian Head cents?

Where can I get Scott's stamp catalogue for 1924?

Ans: -The series of U. S. one cent pieces, large and small, are very in-

teresting to collect. Though a large number of cents was coined in 1877, an uncirculated specimen has broght over \$2.00 at auction. For some unaccountable reason all minor coins of 1877 seem to be more or less scarce. An uncirculated 1909 Indian Head cent, S mint, commands a premium of about 50-75 cents. But you will understand that there is no such thing as a standard price on coins. A dealer will quote or charge a certain price for a coin, while another dealer's price may be higher or lower.

Most leading stamp dealers sell it.

M. S.

Michael Serdy, Homestead, Pa.: The cents of 1802 and 1806 bring about 50c-\$1.00 each according to condition.

M. S.

Waldo C. Moore, Lewisburg, Ohio: I have in my collection broken bank bills from the following middle western states:

Iowa: Farmers & Merchants Bank, Ashland, 1, 2, 3, 5 dollars. Dubuque Central Improvement Co., 1 dollar and 3 dollars. Lyons City Treasurer, \$1 letter A \$2 and \$5, letter B \$2 and \$5. Wapello, Treasurer's Note, 1 dollar.

Nebraska: Bank of Dakota, Dakota City, 1, 2, 5 dollars. Nemaha Valley Bank, Brownville, 5, 10 dollars. Fontenelle Bank, Bellevue, 1, 5, 10 dollars. Waubeck Bank, DeSoto, 1, 2, 3, 5 dollars. Bank of DeSoto, 1, 2, 3, 5 dollars. Bank of Nebraska, Omaha City, 2 dollars. Brownville Bank, Omaha City, 5, 10 dollars. The City of Omaha, 1, 3, 5 dollars. Omaha City Bank & Land Co., 2, 5 dollars. Western Exchange Fire and Marine Insurance Co., Omaha \$5. Bank of Tekamah, 5 dollars.

Kansas: State Bank, Lecompton, 3 dollars. Simpson Brothers Bank, Lawrence, 1 dollar. The Drovers Bank, Ft. Leavenworth, 1, 5, 10 dollars.

West likes to hear any other different bills.

- Q. What are the cardinal numbers beyond thousands?-G. A. C.
- A. Those in general use are: Millions, billions, trillions, quadrillions, quintillions, sextillions, septillions, octillions, nonillions and decillions.
 - F. R. Kendrick, Cisco, Ga.: From which countries are the following coins:
- 1. Copper coin, size of U. S. nickel, very thin, obverse has a horse charging; reverse 1 PFENNING SCHEIDE MUNZE, 1820.
- 2. Copper coin, slightly smaller than U. S. small cent, obverse crown and DEUTSCH OSTAFRIKA; reverse wreath and ½ HELLER.
- 3. Copper coin, smaller than U. S. cent, obverse crown, C with X inside, 1913. Reverse: I ORE
- 4. Copper coin, smaller than U. S. cents, obverse crown and N; reverse 1 PENNI, 1911.
 - 5. Is there a premium on the U.S. Peace dollar?
 - 6. Can a person obtain uncirculated coins from the U.S. mints?
 - 7. How many silver dollars were coined in 1804?

Ans.: 1—Brunswick-Hanover. 2—German East Africa. 3—Denmark. 4—Finland under Russia. 5—Yes, an uncirculated specimen brings about \$1.50. 6—Yes, by sendingf face value, postage and registration fee. 7—This is still a doubtful and unsolved question.

M. S.

Sgt. Wm. L. Morton, Brownsville, Texas: I am mailing you a coin of which I know nothing. Please inform me about its origin and value.

Ans: It is a Civil War token, portrait of McClellan, quite common. In good condition it would be worth about 25 cents.

M. S.

Mrs. Dolliver, Detroit, Mich.: My mother has a British dollar, 1797; would like to know its value.

Ans.: If in fine condition about \$3.00.

- Q. What is the most valuable precious stone?
- C. E. T.
- A. Probably the most expensive stone in the world is the stone known as the oriental amethyst. This is really a sapphire of amethyst color. Our amethysts are only quartz. Real amethysts, emeralds, rubies and sapphires belong to the corundum series and are all of the same composition. There are only a few of these valuable oriental amethysts in the world and these are guarded by Indian rajahs.

Mrs. Anna F. Corbin, Port Byron, N. Y.: Will you kindly inform me which is the best place, and who is the best party, to auction off a book and picture of Lincoln, revenue stamps and many other things I would like to sell. What are the charges for selling such things?

Ans: I suggest that you write the Elder Coin & Curio Corp., and get their terms. The dealer in Philadelphia, whom you mention, is all right, though I do not know him.

M. S.

Henry R. Palmer, Jr., Stonington, Conn.: Several of the early dates of cents have head to right, but if the most important design on a coln, the date, is worn off on the one you have, it has no value among collectors. M. S.

Leslie A. Price, Jamestown, N. Y.: I am interested in securing old Roman and other coins. I had an excellent old coin catalogue but have mislaid it. Can you suggest a first class dealer.

Ans.: Write Elder, N. Y. and St. Louis Coin & Stamp Co. who deal in numismatic books.

M. S.

- Q. When were the first buffalo nickels issued; when and why was the die changed and is there a premium on the first issue?

 E. P.
- A. The first issue of buffalo nickels was in February, 1913. In May, 1913, the die was changed in order to bring out the words "five cents" more plainly. There is no premium on these first nickels.
- U. S. has encased postage stamps 1c, 3c, 5c, 10c, 24c and 30c. The prices run from \$2.00 to \$35.00 each. Encased postage stamps are both coins and stamps and therefore are in double demand as two big groups of collectors are after them.
 - Q. How much did the British Guiana stamp cost Arthur Hind?

A. B. C.

A. The sale price for this stamp, the only one of the kind known to be in existence, was \$32,000. It was a part of the Ferrari collection sold in Paris and it is understood that the tax required by France was over \$9,000, making the total cost of the stamp more than \$41,000.

HAS A COOL TWO BILLION

Young Man From Germany Carries Enough in Marks to Purchase a Small Cigar.

J. J. Boesser, who recently arrived in Lincoln direct from Germany, brought with him more than two billion German marks—possibly enough to buy a small cigar but once a fortune of a cool half-million.

In the collection he has 'em as high as a million per note. There was a time when the German mark was worth 24½ cents in American money. The latest quotation is 42 cents a trillion.

An issue of silver coins to be called "shillings," equal to 10,000 present Austrian crowns, are to be minted in Vienna.

WHAT PROOF MARKS ON OLD FIREARMS MEAN.

Those unfamiliar with ancient firearms are frequently puzzled by finding certain characters or letters, or both, stamped on and into the barrel of a gun or pistol. In their ignorance they take them to be the initials or mark of the maker, and from these seek to gain light as to his name.

It is true that Spanish and German arms usually have, instead of the maker's name, a seal, frequently of gold, depicting characters—animals and letters—from which, if possessed of a list of such seals, one might determine the manufacture of the weapon, and hence its approximate date. English and French gunmakers, however, if marking the arm at all, did so by placing their name and that of their town on the lock-plate or barrel, or on both.

The marks known as "proof marks" were stamped on, usually by a government official, after he had tried out and "proven" the arm to be all right. As a rule the method of "proving" was to load the piece with several times its normal amount of powder and shot, and then discharge the same. If it survived the test it was considered "proven" satisfactorily. Thus, as different marks were not adopted until a certain date, we may ordinarily be assured that an aim bearing them was not manufactured before that date.—Adventure Paper.

COIN NOTES.

Recently the King and Queen of Italy visited England. King Victor is an enthusiastic numismatist and has published a standard work in several volumes on the many Italian series.

King Victor and the Prince of Piedmont visited the British Museum, while the Queen and Princes Mafalda went shopping. Here the King, who had been preceded by his son, showed the liveliest interest in the collection of Italian mediaeval coins. The King is an enthusiastic numismatist, and keenly discussed different specimens with the officials of the museum.

He recognized immediately, the coin of Charles I., which was presented by that monarch to Bishop Juxon while Charles was on the scaffold.

Another interesting coin shown him was the Petition Crown of Charles II. The coins were displayed by Mr. J. Allan and Mr. G. C. Brooke, the assistant keepers of the coin rooms. King Victor picked out and named many of the lesser known in the Italian mediaeval collection.

He also heartily thanked the museum authorities for the work they had done in reviewing his books on Italian coins.

J. G. Sanderson says: I will endeavor to get you up an article on the Alabama prehistoric mounds in this locality. I am not a dealer, just a collector and I naturally get more arrows than I care for and sell them from time to time. This country is literally dotted with Indian mounds and none of them have ever been gone into with the exception of the work I have done in that line, this is a rich field for one interested in the work.

Geo. J. Richardson, Eden, N. Y., says: Investigated several Indian mounds in Florida. Two at Seminole, one at Old Port Richy and one at Weeden's Island. Dug out some "shin bones," pottery, etc., at one at Seminole which is a giant affair. Largest I have ever seen. DeSoto made his first landing at Weeden's Island. This section is now being developed rapidly. Inclose a photo I took of the excavation at Weeden's Island. Hundreds of burials have been uncovered here and much could be written about this.

OLD AND RARE.

When Dickens wrote his novel, "Old Curiosity Shop," he didn't know that Cleveland in 1924 would have such a shop, located at 11011 Buckeye-rd.

Here's its owner, Albert Krehlik, with three of his curiosities, a clock made by him from umbrella handles, and two radio receiving sets, one in the shape of a horn, the other a harp, both of which he constructed himself. The horn won a prize in a radio contest here.

Krehlik's is a hardware shop. And the walls are hung with collections of guns and knives which he brought with him when he came to Cleveland years ago from Bohemia.

Antique lamps and candlesticks, pages from books published generations ago, ancient door locks and bolts, all are included in his collection.

"A hobby's almost as much fun as being rich," he says.

"I love to make queer things and to tinker with articles that have a history."

In the possession of Albert Krehlik are a number of time-worn volumes, one of them, at least, of unusual rarity. Mr. Krehlik has:

Four volumes of the Anglo-American Journal printed in New York, 1844-48.

The Hartford Collection of Hymns, printed in Hartford, Conn., 1823.

An original copy of the Poor Richard Almanac, printed by Benjamin Franklin, Philadelphia, 1733.

A History of the World; containing all of Jewish history up to the Christian era, with copious references to the Egyptians, Greeks, Chaldeans, Persians, Romans, Arabians, Turks and other peoples. Mention is made of many men of distinction, statesmen and others, whose names are not familiar to the general public. The history is partly in Latin and partly in Bohemian, and was printed in Prague in 1596.—From Cleveland Plain Dealer.

NEW RUSSIAN COINS.

The Royal Mint in London accepted a contract on March 27 last for the coinage of 40 million half-roubles, silver with an alloy of 10 per cent copper. The specimen coin has now been approved, and the minting will be proceeded with. The Soviet government minted last year gold chervontsi, but they have not yet been put into circulation, being kept in the State Bank as backing for the bank notes in different denominations of chervontsi. A certain amount of silver coinage minted last year is in corculation, but the Soviet government was dissatisfied with the design. The 1924 silver rouble will have on its reverse side a design of a peasant. The half-rouble, or poltinnik now being struck off at the Royal Mint, has a workman at his anvil on the reverse, and on the obverse the arms and motto of the republics and the designation.

The motto "In God We Trust" was first put on our coins in 1866.

The phrase "almighty dollar" is attributed to Washington Irving. In "The Creole Village" he says: "The almighty dollar, that great object of universal devotion throughout our land (seems to have no devotees in these peculiar villages."

The coin dealers that fear to tread where "WEST" readers dwell realize that "us guys are too wise for their high prices."—Sparks.

THE RARE 1804 CENT, A NEW ONE.

Every once in a while a new coin turns up. That is some one finds a coin that is different in some respect from any that is known and while most of these turn out to be fakes or counterfeit, there is still a new die variety comes to light occasionally. I have in my possession an 1804 cent that differs materially from any known other die variety and is not described by Doherity.

The obverse is the perfect die variety with an entirely different reverse. The reverse has the fraction 1-100 over 1-000 the 1 in the first naught is very plain. This piece has been in my possession about 10 years and I purchased it from a party in Pennsylvania who had kept it nearly 20 years. Under the strongest glass the date shows no indication of having been tampered with in any way. The piece is in strictly fine condition.

C. E. Briggs, the veteran collector whose picture appears in this issue is still actively engaged in collecting coins and minerals. For over 20 years he collected minerals, fossils and shells and in that time accumulated a great collection of fine specimens. Living in a country that is rich in fossils he has the best collection of Iowa fossil corals that has ever been assembled. Being a worker in stone he has cut and polished these corals which are true marble (Devonian Age) making them up into paper weights, cane heads and face polished specimens. These corals obtained in eastern Iowa are the handsomest fossil corals in the world. Mr. Briggs has supplied several museums with these corals. The Great Tiffany Collection in New York contains two specimens that were furnished by Mr. Briggs. Of late years he has turned his attention to coins and is now exchanging his beautiful specimens for coins. See his ad.

RARE OLD KLICKITAT INDIAN COOKING BASKET.

This was made by women of the Cowlitz, tribe now nearly extinct. The Cowlitz were counted the most expert of all the basket making tribes of the Salish Indians. In early days the Cowlitz were a powerful tribe. They formerly lived in the valleys of the Cowlitz and Lewis rivers in Washington and resisted and always refused to enter into any treaties with the whites.

These cooking baskets were not placed over a fire as some would think but were first filled with water and the food wished to be cooked, and then stones were heated red hot and placed in the basket which was then covered over with a mat or something.

BONE HAIR-PIN.

Besides portions of tesselated paving, several large rooms fitted with blg hearths, a deer's antler, a boar's tusk, a stilius, a Roman pencil, and a vase engraved with the figure of a gladiator, a bone hair-pin was found yesterday at the Roman site at Folkstone, indicating female occupation.—Sent by Clarke.

One of the most remarkable literary finds of recent years has taken place in London. A casual book collector was turning over some dust-laden bundles in a small bookshop when he stumbled upon a portfolio of letters, notes, and prints, relating to Lord Nelson and Lady Hamilton.

Stamp and Coin Collectors who do not read the "WEST" get taken in by sharpers and lose money. They rob themselves. Subscribe.—Sparks.

NORFOLK MAN'S COIN OLDER THAN LANGE'S.

When Carl Lange secured possession of his American dollar which dates back to 1798, and which was recently described, he figured he had a United States coin old as any in this part of the state, but his record has been beaten just one year by A. C. Daniel of Norfolk, who has an American dollar which is dated 1797.

Carl's dollar is a very unique coin, much different than the present day dollars, but Mr. Daniel's coin is even more odd. It is also a "Liberty" dollar, the same as Carl's, but it has sixteen stars instead of the thirteen which appear on Carl's coin. Mr. Daniel got his old coin when he was in the second-hand furniture business, and it has been in his possession about twelve years.

Evidently the coin contest has started a lively search among the collectors in this part of the state to see which one has the oldest coin. E. H. Roepe of Beemer claims to have a dollar which is older than the one owned by Carl or the one in the possession of Mr. Daniel of Norfolk. His coin is a "Liberty" dollar which dates from 1795, and which carries fifteen stars on it. Miss Verna Nesbit also has an American dollar coined in the same year as Carl's.

Carl Lange has received a very flattering offer for his dollar. A lady at Crab Orchard, Neb., who got word in some manner that he had such an old coin, wrote to him and said she would like to have it very much, and that she would be willing to pay as much as \$1.50 for it. As Carl has turned down offers of \$10 for the coin, it is not likely that the Crab Orchard lady will get it.—Hartington News.

COIN DATING BACK TO 50 B. C.

The bone of a human fcot, pierced clean through, was discovered today on the Roman site at Folkstone.

It belonged, it is believed, to a person who had been crucified.

Amongst the coins found was one dating back to 50 B. C.

Some ancient silver jewelry was also dug up.—Sent by Clarke.

There is no more fascinating hobby than the making of a collection of dollar-size coins of all countries of the world. The coins are large enough to show all details clearly and varied enough to exhibit an astonishing range of subjects. Besides, they are not expensive.

On a small field of about two acres, there was recently made the largest find of sapphires ever recorded in Ceylon, the gems including yellow, gold, purple and blue stones of 20 to 700 carats, some of them weighing as much as half a pound.

It's the "Go-Getting" type of collectors with enough stamina and stuff that laughs at the heat of summer and collects every day in the year. These are the collectors who don't miss the Summer-Pickings.

A silver penny of the days of Edward I (1272-1307) was found recently on the top of Large Law, a hill in Scotland.

Do some collectors think? If so what is the nature of the act of buying a poor specimen.—Sparks.

NUMISMATIC NOTES .- By George J. Remsburg.

Sailor's Hat given Society—A sailor's hat picked up on the Coronado beach in California by George J. Remsburg of Porterville, Calif., now rests in the museum of the Oklahoma Historical society as a souvenir from the sea. The insignia of the U. S. S. Oklahoma is on the hat. Inside the hat is the stenciled name "H. H. Davis." Remsburg has corresponded with the society for several years. The hat still retained beach sand and a breath of salt upon it when it was received at the headquarters of the historical society.—The Daily Oklahoman.

Wm. P. Campbell, founder and custodian of the Okkahoma Historical society and well known authority on Oklahoma history, Indians and kindred subjects, died recently.

John H. Browning, noted firearms inventor and the man who designed the famous Browning machine gun, has now evolved a new double-barrel shot gun with one barrel resting on top of the other. Some models will be manufactured with a selective trigger, permitting the shooter to fire both barrels simultaneously. Others will have two triggers. Browning now lives at Ogden, Utah.

The Philatelic West and Collector's World, the leading collector's magazine, contained a write-up of the old clocks owned by Sheffield Ingalls and W. P. Waggener in its July number. It will be remembered the Ingalls clock belonged to the late Senator Ingalls and hung in the United States senate chamber from 1852 to 1890. The Waggener clock bears the date of 1813.—Atchison Globe.

A recent report from Lisbon, Spain, states that Persian tapestries, carpets, porcelains and other antiques to the value of several thousand pounds have disappeared from the royal palace of Tuilla Vicosa, once the country seat of the Braganza family and now the property of ex-King Manuel.

A copy of the first book published in California will be one of the items offered at an auction in San Francisco. It is Gen. Figueroa's "Manifesto," printed and bound in Monterey in 1835 by Col. Augustin Zamorano. An imperfect copy of the work is said to have sold recently for \$1,500.

Mrs. John J. Ingalls of Atchison, Kas., widow of the late U. S. Senator Ingalls, has presented the Kansas State Historical society with one of the souvenir dolls of the big corn carnivals that were held in Atchison in former years. These dolls are made of corn cobs and dressed in corn husks and are a decided novelty that any doll collector would covet.

The latest is about a draft of a Swiss bank that was ten feet long after it had been properly stamped. The original draft was the size of the ordinary bill of exchange, but it was necessary to attach three yards of paper in order to provide enough space to paste the necessary marks.

Carl Lange of Hartington, Neb., owns an American silver dollar that was coined in 1798. The head side bears the representation of a woman's head and bust, above which is the word "Liberty," and below which is the date, 1798. Around the head are grouped 13 stars.

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OUR ILLUSTRATIONS.

Grit, Courage and Gameness.

Very few indeed, members of the philatelic fraternity at large, have ever known of the physical condition of Mr. C. H. Hollister of Mukwonago, Wis

Tied down to a wheel chair for a period of over 17 years, this young philatelist has preserved his pluck and good cheer and "carried on" through thick and thin. He entered Columbia hospital, Milwaukee, early last summer and first submitted to the removal of left leg, which had been useless and such a care during all these years that Hollister told the surgeon before the operation started to dispose of it before he regained consciousness for he had seen all of it that he ever wanted to.

That operation successfully concluded and patient strong enough to stand the journey, he returned home and waited through several long weeks to sufficiently recover his strength to submit to a more serious operation, which was performed at the same hospital late in the summer, for the removal of all the dead and diseased portions of the other leg.

On Friday, April 4, 1924, Hollister was operated on for the third (and) we trust the last) time. In a letter dictated to a close friend he says, "again I came within sight of death but decided to stay on this side. Am in a case now and will be the next few weeks and it is rather hard to write, so must make this brief."

"This is my last operation and I think I will be able to walk after a fashion and perhaps better than looks possible. I am not sure yet when I will be home or how long I will be here after the cast is off."

Those who have had correspondence with Mr. Hollister and are awaiting replies will therefore have patience, for this plucky philatelist will straighten up in the near future all matters pertaining to his stampic affairs that accumulated without attention during the siege attendant on his last operation.

A good friend of Mr. Hollister, Mr. L. A. Beebe, is out with a circular letter suggesting contributions to be used in putting young Hollister in the way to earn a living. This may take the form of the purchase of an automobile or turning over to him of the cash and stamps contributed by friends and well wishers of Hollister and Beebe. Beebe tells us that response has been most generous. J. M. Bartels of New York has contributed \$110 catalogue value of worth while stamps, several dealers and collectors contributing cash to the amount of \$10 each, besides many stamps which can be disposed of and turned into contributions.

To all of the foregoing "West" is here to say "Amen," and as its share in the good work to give publicity to the campaign which Mr. Beebe of Yonkers. N. Y., Henry Ames Fowler of Chicago and Aaron L. Carpenter of Germantown, as a self appointed committee are pushing, and suggest that any interested readers of "West" do not wait for a subscription list to reach them but communicate at once with Beebe or one of the others of the committee, and also that the M. P. A. at their convention endorse this good work.

Dr. George Hetrich, Birdsboro, Pa., is 62 years old, is actively engaged in the practice of medicine for almost 40 years. He has collected U. S. coince since 1874 and having confined himself to American exclusively—coince stamps, books, manuscripts, etc.; but in last 20 years has specialized in Civil War tokens and store cards, which has kept him busy. He says the pleasure of these coins has been great to him, and early in his attachment to this specialty the aim seized him to give the collecting public a list of these coins so that

they can be intelligently classified, and now he wishes to be of a further assistance to the collectors of these coins by opening up an exchange for the exclusive use of these collectors. No other coins will be entered in this exchange. By this means each collector will be able to add to his collection by exchanging his duplicates.

Collecting has kept him young, mentally, for says to me there is nothing so refreshing as to add one of these modest coins to my collection. I now have a collection of about 4,000 varieties. Gold, silver and uncirculated and proof U. S. coppers are prohibitory to most collectors, but the cost of Civil War collecting is so cheap that thousands of collectors can find pleasure in this specialty.

Publisher of West was at his home when S. P. A. met at Reading. It is well worth trip to see his fine collection.

RUINS OF ANCIENT VILLAGE YIELD RARE HISTORICAL PRIZES.

The ancient Indian village near Genoa, Neb., in the ruins of which E. E. Blackman, curator of the state historical society, is unearthing hundreds of historical relics occupied a commanding site overlooking both the Platte and Loup rivers. Though the ground has been broken up circular sidges are still discernable marking the bases of the falls of the grass buts which Mr. Blackman estimates were built more than 500 years ago by the Skeedees, ancestors of the Pawnees.

There are about twenty of these ruins. The doorway of each faced the rising sun. Many of the pieces of pottery which he is collecting Mr. Blackman finds in the base of the old walls. The ancient Indians were slovenly housekeepers and had a habit of shoving the utensils into the grass walls of their huts. The pottery was very cleverly made in colors of black, gray, and a reddish tan, and was hand decorated.

Arrow heads, spear heads and knives, all fashioned from flint, are among the relics found. Mr. Blackman is now excavating an Indian grave which he found in that vicinity and believes there must be a burial ground nearby which he has not discovered yet.—Youth's Companion.

TENNESSEE HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION WILL OPEN INDIAN MOUND.

Courtland, Ala.—The Tennessee Valley Historical Association heid their annual meeting at Courtland on Thursday, July 24. The association was welcomed to Courtland by the city's chief official, Clifford H. Meigs, mayor. Hon. Frank R. King of Leighton, president of the association responded. Papers of great interest were read and a collection of unpurchasable curios exhibited. There is much of the most valuable fossil remains at Courtland, of the first Americans in the numerous Indian mounds on Big Nance Creek and the Tennessee river. These mounds are still untouched. The historical association is fortunate in having received permission from the Misses Wheeler, daughters of the late General Wheeler, to open one of the largest mounds in North Alabama located on land owned by the family, near the Tennessee river. John G. Sanderson, postmaster of Courtland, who several years ago became interested in Indian remains, now has one of the largest collections in the south. Mr. Sanderson is a director of the association and his unique collection will be on exhibition.—From Memphis, Tenn., Appeal.

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The American Museum of Natural History has placed on exhibition a shell known as the gloria maris, or glory of the sea, which is perhaps the rarest, and which is certainly one of the most beautiful, of all sea shells. It is about five inches long, a slender cone the prevailing shade of which is ivory, though in certain lights it has a pinkish lustre like a pearl. On the ivory background appear a spiral band of glowing orange and a fretwork of geometrical figures the sides of which vary from an eighth of an inch to an almost microscopic length. No specimen of the gloria maris is known to have been found since 1838.

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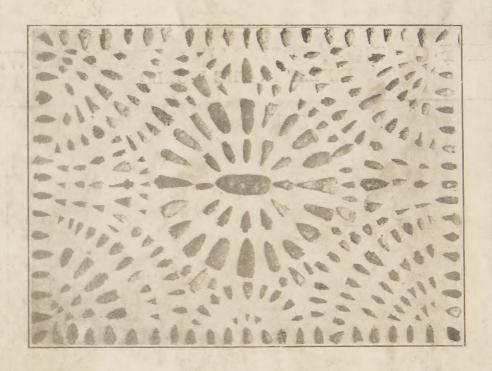
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IN MEMORIAM

Since the last preceding number of the West was published, the publisher has been called upon to mourn the passing of his mother. She was rich in years and in good works. Since the publisher was six years old she has been both father and mother to him and her passing falls upon him as a double loss.

Like many a mother, she was friend and companion, adviser and comforter as well as a dear, loving and wise mother. Only those who have lost such a mother can appreciate the strength of the bond that has been severed or the grief of the one left behind.

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Waitley, Ohio, reports his last ad sure Go-Getter, sold out all of the ad and in less than ten days after he got his copy. How is that for quick work?

E. Putnam, Boston, reports his first ad got so many replies he wishes to keep same space for each issue, and expects to have more space soon.

Lairie, Ohio, reports made many purchases from close to sixty ads past sew months. Well pleased with every purchase he made,

A. Kigas, Mass., says his returns from his ads were all that could be.

L. Ladd, Chicago, says WEST is finest magazine I ever have taken.

H. Guffey, Ky., says taken WEST past two years and think it is Best My Test in the World.

Verry, Mass., says find best hobby magazine going is the WEST. Wenzel, Texas, says enjoys every number of WEST. Is getting better.

STAMPS OF THE AIR POST-250 ISSUES IN SIX YEARS.

A mail-carrying aeroplane of today and a 17th-century mounted post-rider appear on some new Swedish postage stamps commemorative of the jubilee of the Universal Postal Union. The advent of the flying post has introduced a novel and topical element into the pursuit of philately. Undoubtedly airpost collecting is most popular. It is only six years since the first government air stamp was issued experimentally in Italy, but in that time upwards of 250 official stamps have been created exclusively for franking air-borne correspondence. They emanate from more than a score of countries, "from China to Peru." Many of them are already obsolete, and in consequence steadily appreciating in value.

The heavy mortality in air-post stamps is due to a variety of causes, the chief one being discontinuance of service through public apathy. In certain instances also air mail vignettes have only been used for a determined period, in order to segregate the revenue accruing from this branch of the postal service. Again, special stamps have been prepared for purely experimental mail flights which have not been renewed, as in the case of the Transatlantic air mail, and the flight from England to Australia. Whatever the cause, a brief life is usually the portion of the air-post stamp, and this accounts partly for the relative scarcity of many of the earlier issues. Both as a means of practical propaganda, as well as an aid to the keeping of postal accounts, there is much to be said in favor of the use of distinctive stamps for the air-post service in the view of competent authorities. No fewer than fourteen countries still find occasion for employing air-post stamps, ten of them in the trans-European system, the other four being the United States, China, Morocco and Syria. Among other countries where air stamp issues are imminent are Siam, Finland and Poland.

The historical interest of air-post collecting dates back to the siege of Paris, when letters were dispatched to the outer world by balloon post, as well as by carrier pigeons. Pioneer postal flights, which took place between the years 1909 and 1914, have all their particular mementoes in the form of stamps, postmarks or cachets struck upon the letters they carried, but so little attention was paid to them at the time that some are of extreme rarity. Then, in the post-war period, we have the epoch-making flights of Hawker. Alcock and Ross-Smith, all of them commemorated in stamps, and finally the lengthening list of semi-permanent air-post stamps.

The air-post collector includes within his purview such extraneous items as the semi-official labels or "etiquettes" of aviation meetings where mail flights were made, cachets, franks and postmarks; in fact, anything that has a bearing upon the post in the air. Entire envelopes or cards showing the stamps or "marks" of air-post service represent the air-post collector's ideal, "first flight covers" being objects of special veneration.

Although such a comparatively recent innovation, the air-post collection already boasts its rarities, notably the 24 cents U. S. A. air mail stamp with center inverted, valued at \$750.00; the "Hawker" Transatlantic air mail stamp worth about \$175, and the R.34 envelope \$160, etc., while an important collection of "flown covers" recently changed hands for well into four figures. Societies of air-post collectors (or "Aerosemists," as they like to be called) have been formed in Great Britain, Germany, Belgium and America, and they have a monthly journal.

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WOMEN AS STAMP COLLECTORS.

Stamp collecting as a hobby only started in England in 1862, and in France a little before this, and one of the early collectors, who was also very well-known as a writer on the subject, was a woman, Miss Fenton. In the seventies also, a Mrs. Tebay was a prominent member of the London Philatelic Society, now known as the Royal Philatelic Society.

Nowadays the hobby is increasing in favor among women, their interest in it often being aroused by the enthusiasm of their children, and several women have valuable collections, some worth as much as £5,000.

Hobbies are often rather costly, but a great advantage of stamp collecting is that the expense entailed can be regulated by the income of the collector, the sum spent varying from a few pounds, or even shillings, up to hundreds a year. Also the collection may itself become an asset, as many stamps increase in value as time goes on. But the true philatelist would scorn to start collecting merely from a view to the ultimate monetary value of her collection. In these days also, when a woman is called upon to play hostess to her husband's friends and business acquaintances from all over the world, she will find that stamp collecting will help to give her a much broader general knowledge of places.

In starting a collection, the first thing for the woman to do who wishes to become a collector is to visit a good stamp dealer and buy a general book on the subject and what is known as a "variety" packet of stamps. The stamp album may be purchased at the same time, and it is wise not to start with too large or handsome a volume, as after a time collectors nearly always specialize in one particular thing, and this may necessitate a new book.

Most Englishwomen specialize in stamps from Great Britain and the Colonies, as they do not send out so many speculative issues. The Wembley stamp is the first commemorative stamp that Great Britain has ever issued.—"Daily Mail" August 11, 1924.

ADVERTISING CANCELLATIONS.

Montreal, Que., Canada, in English and French: YOUR POSTMAN SELLS STAMPS. VOTRE FACTEUR VEND DES TIMBRES.

A novel and pretty cancellation is used by Winnepeg, Man., Canada, announcing the postage stamp exhibition. It consists of an oval with beaver in the center and maple leaves in the four corners. Between inner and outer lines of oval: SECOND ANNUAL CANADIAN POSTAGE STAMP EXHIBITION, and in straight line below: WINNIPEG, SEPT. 17, 18, 19, 20.

Goteborg, (Gothenburg). Sweden, in 4 lines: SVENSKA MASSAN GOTEBORG. RIKSVARUMASSA, 4—10 AUG., 1924.

Liverpool, England, in 3 lines: PAGEANT OF EMPIRE STADIUM WEMBLEY 21 JULY TO 39 AUGUST.

H. Fell, assistant general passenger agent, C. of Ga. Ry., sends copy of Right of Way magazine which shows many views of ancient claims, railroad currency, war time dispatches, etc., which I think is fine. Always glad to get and see clippings and papers that help out the WEST.

F. Thompson, Winnipeg, sends special postoffice postmark of the second stamp exhibition held there. I am always pleased to hear and see them. Have shown and given more postmark news and cuts than most other papers.

TWO 12-CENT STAMPS SOLD FOR \$4,000 .- Sent by H. N. Gilkison, Seattle.

Henry C. Hitt of Bremerton, Wash., acting as agent of A. F. Lichtenstein, New York stamp collector, has just negotiated the purchase of two 12-cent Canadian stamps at a cost of \$4,000, it was stated here yesterday by J. M. Hitt, state librarian and father of Henry Hitt.

The stamps are the first Canadian issue and are attached, having been taken from the lower left hand corner of the sheet and show the printing margin, which circumstance greatly enhances the value of the stamps, Mr. Hitt said. Only one other set of these stamps is in existence, he stated.

A BIT OF LOGIC.

Stamp Society Bulletin says: Every stamp a dealer sells takes one out of circulation; every stamp taken out of circulation makes that stamp scarcer; as a stamp gets scarcer the value increases. To work backwards; the value of our collection depends upon the scarcity of its contents; the scarcity of its contents depends on the amount taken out of circulation, and the amount taken out of circulation depends on the amount the dealers sell. So remember that every time you purchase a stamp from a dealer, you are increasing the value of that stamp and your own collection.

NEW ISSUES OF 1923-24.

English catalogue reports 2,185 new issues, this being the number recorded in the eleven months, November 1, 1923, and September 12, 1924. This is a great increase on any previous year, the number for the previous twelve months being only 1,575. After all, two thousand stamps per annum is not an extremely rapid rate for a collection to increase, so we imagine these figures need alarm nobody, for the greater number of new stamps have been comparatively low values, and if acquired through a New Issue Service at a small percentage over face value, the investment should prove a good one.

THE BIRTHDAY OF THE CAPES.

Last week witnessed the seventy-first birthday of that prime favorite of all Colonial postage stamps, the Triangular Cape. Timely tribute has been paid to it by the decision of the Society of Philatelic Americans, at their convention last month, to adopt the device as their club badge—and it is by no means the first so to honor the three-cornered relic of the fifties.—Stamp Collecting.

KING BORIS' FIRST STAMP.

King Boris, the report of whose assassination was so grossly exaggerated, helped to make philatelic history. Stamps have been issued to commemorate coronations, changes of dynasty, royal weddings and revolutions, but in 1896 four stamps were issued to commemorate the baptism of Prince Boris, a unique event for a philatelic commemoration.—Sent by Clarke, England.

Jackie Coogan, American child moving picture actor, was Tuesday decorated by the Greek government at Athens with a medal of an officer of the Order of George, given in recognition of humanitarian work. It was the first time this medal has ever been given to a child. Diamant started him to collecting stamps.

HARDING PRECANCELS-Read by N. R. Hoover at the S. P. A. Convention.

Everybody will concede that Harding Precancels were the Philatelic sensation of 1923-24.

It is not easy to give the reason for the excitement that developed over this branch of stamp collecting. It is doubtful if it was due to any artificial stimulus of one man or group of men. We know this has been done at times in the past with other specialties. Netherlands No. 1 and Norway No. 1 have been played with and successfully cornered to the extent of attracting the interest of a widened circle of philatelists. Spain No. 1 has recently gotten its current sale price up to catalogue through persistent, concerted interest in it. Some collectors think that the excitement over Danzig of late is due more to manipulation than to an actual shortage.

None of the reasons for the interest in these issues can be ascribed to the initial attention given to Harding Precancels. There was no corner of any particular Hardings at first.

The novelty of the color of this stamp, the sentiment attached to the untimely death of ex-President Harding, and the fact that there was but one stamp in the series conspired to focus attention on it. And it must be acknowledged there is no branch of Philately which has in it a snappier, more enterprising body of boosters than those who concentrate their energies on precancels.

The monthlies and weeklies of Stampdom last fall began to show increasing references to Harding Precancels. Early in the winter want ads for their exchange started. We all recall how in mid-winter the sales ads started.

The excitement over peak prices carried on for about two months, and since then we have noted a gradual decline to a lower and more stable price. This decline does not indicate a drop in interest nor an intrinsic decline in actual value. The speculative "water" has been squeezed out of certain items in Harding Precancels and the saner quotations which are appearing now probably reflect a reasonable, safe condition.

I am not prepared to say however that the much reduced present day values are all correct ones. We can understand Philadelphia, Pa., normal electro selling as low as 15 cents because it is generally known that many of them were issued and with the quantities still on the market it will probably be many months before a scarcity of this stamp shows itself. The same goes for Houston, Texas.

Then there are numerous towns in which the postmaster or his assistants were amiable chaps, accommodating to the last degree and who, "looked the other way" when appealing requests for "made-to-orders" were presented.

Everybody knows, however, that many postmasters were metriculously falthful in heeding instructions from Washington and issued Harding Precancels only upon a legitimate order from a regular permit holder. Such cities are going to be popular as the years go by. The inverted San Francisco, believed to have been unintentionally printed upside down, is going to be worth more than 75 cents each because Frisco Hardings are all gone, no more are there to be printed and what are not now will have to suffice. Kansas City 10x10 rotary, while probably put out in considerable quantities, is now obsolete and what were issued will be all we will have. New York City three line electro (not hand stamp) is bound to be in big demand as the years go by because no postmaster was more strict in watch-

ing these 2-cent blacks than Postmaster Morgan. The New York City Post Office claims to have Issued only eight Harding permits for the electro precancel, all of them to known permit holders who presumably used them immediately on mall.

These examples of various conditions shows the elusive possibilities that exist in the Harding Precancels. Except in the cases of those who paid big prices for Hardings that, it developed, were pure fakes and I am sorry to say these are known to exist, I doubt if anybody has really paid more than what Hardings will in time prove to be worth.

It has been recently stated that a total of 2,607 varieties of Harding Frecancels has been tabulated. These cover about 2,400 Post Offices. There are at least 50 Harding Precancels that are of questionable origin.

All of us would be interested in knowing which are scarce at the present time, as indicative of which would be desirable stamps to acquire if chance threw them our way. A conservative list would cover the following as being scarce now: (Continued in next issue.)

to the same of the S. P. A. New York Branch No. 1 was organized on September 28 in the office of J. M. Bartels Company, 135 West 42nd Street. Eifteen charter members were enrolled. The officers elected were: President, A. O. Litt, 487 Broadway, New York City; vice president, Alfred Nielson, 671 Carroll Street, Brooklyn; secretary and sales manager, F. F. Greeley, 1087 East 4th Street, Brooklyn; treasurer, N. R. Hoover, New Rochelle, N. Y.; trustees, A. E. Landvatter, Dr. D. R. Whitcher, R. C. Bach.

The branch plans to meet every other Thursday night at club rooms to be selected later. The dues will be \$1.00 a year. The object of the branch is to form a body of collectors who can meet, exchange and sell to members, and compare notes phllatelically. President Litt says New York and Brooklyn should yield 200 members for the branch.

The first meeting for the season of the Grimsby Philatelic Club was held October 3. The society is fortunate in having a fine room at its disposal in the Municipal College, and It is pleasing to know that the municipal authorities do all they can to encourage Phllately as an educative power. Grimsby started with about a dozen members last season, but finished with two dozen, and this year they are looking forward to great things, especially as their ranks are to be strengthened by several lady members. We wish them every success. West likes to hear of other local club meetings.

Lycett reports branch of the S. P. A. organized in Brooklyn September 10. Temporary officers: President D. F. Dennehy; vice president, W. M. Wulff; secretary, William J. Coleman; treasurer, C. W. A. Brawn. The S. F. A. Is booming. A branch has been organized in Cincinnati and one is forming in New York.

Gould, Maine, sends coples of paper of historical society meetings in his He has been one of leaders to help in many ways the Bowdoin college state society collection.

WEST expects to show coming Issues many more cuts for many kinds of collectors. Always pleased to hear and see cuts of your self or collections.

EXHIBITION EPIDEMIC.

It is said to reffect that Christiana's First International Stamp Exhibition—which was opened in the presence of the King of Norway on Friday of last week and which closes tomorrow, Sunday—is also its last. But happily there is no cause for misgiving; it is merely that at the end of the year Norway's capital changes its name, to be known thenceforth as Oslo. We hope to publish an account of this successful Scandinavian stamp show in an early issue.

Canadian collectors' carnival week has also practically come to an end, for the Winnipeg Exhibition closes tomorrow, and we are now looking forward with keen interest to the joint Congress and Exhibition to be held at Chrischurch, New Zealand, in November.

A Conference of Stamp Dealers will be held in Vienna on October 1st to 4th and an "International Stamp Bourse" (promoted by the Syndicate of Stamp Dealers in Italy) is scheduled for October 22nd to 26th. Soviet Russia is also organizing a Philatelic Congress and Exhibition, while Baghdad, the city of a Thousand and One Nights, is about to assume to itself a new wonder in the first Stamp Exhibition ever held in Iraq.

THE NEW COLLECTORS.

One evident point of interest would seem to be that the collectors brought into being by any recent philatelic exhibition or congress will have some difficulty in reconciling the issue of commemorative stamps, which have been such a marked feature of these events, with the professed scorn of the 'highbrows' for all such emissions. Despite all that has been written, spoken, or pretended, the fact remains that the "highbrows'" own organization clamor for special stamps to celebrate the events which interest them, and when they cannot get anything more than a postmark (as at British congresses and exhibitions) they go one worse, and produce labels in the form of stamps that for years deceive the uninitiated, and will be found in beginners' albums of the future, just as the Queen Victoria "Consumptive" and other labels are found today. One strong point of organized philately seems to be the organization for itself of what it condemns in others.—Philatelic Magazine.

PHILATELY'S FUTURE.

As reported in Stamp Collecting three weeks ago a five-guinea trophy is offered for the best essay on "The Future of Philately: How may its Permanence be Assured?" in connection with the forthcoming joint Congress and Exhibition to be held at Christchurch, New Zealand, in November. Essays must not exceed two thousand words, and must be signed by a "nom de plume," the name and address to be on separate sheet. The competition closes on November 8th and all attempts must reach New Zealand by that date. Address: P. R. Jackson, Hon. Secretary, New Zealand Congress, P. O. Box 11, Christchurch, New Zealand. This is a splendid chance to win renown and a substantial testimony, and to render real service to philately.

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LOOKING AHEAD.

Stamp Collector's Fortnightly says: Philately is shortly entering upon a period of greatly increased vogue at home, and the indications point to similar developments—in many countries. It is perhaps curious that the remarkable vogue of wireless broadcasting is in no small measure assisting in extending the popularity of other indoor pastimes, of which stamp collecting is by no means the least. It is not so much in the broadcasting of stamp talks—of which there has not been much up to now—as in the concentration of families in their homes, a return of the home-life which was and still is characteristic of the British and American race.

Another circumstance which is to play an important part in the increasing vogue of Philately is that it in common with other indoor pursuits is sure, sooner or later, to be taken up by the press, with results which may be comparable to the influence the press has exercised in the immense vogue of outdoor sports. In this our climate we can scarcely get too much outdoor sport, but we are given ample occasion for keeping indoors, and the more fully those shut-in hours are occupied with mental recreation the better.

Abroad, the spread of the philatelic cult is clearly shown in the stampic activities of many countries. Even in Japan, since the great earthquake of last year, philately has flourished more than ever. On the continent we have this month the great exhibitions at the Hague and at Christiania, the latter to be opened in the presence of Norway's king. In Winnipeg the distinct success of the Yorkton Stamp Exhibition of last year is being followed up by a more elaborate exhibition by the Winnipeg Philatelic Society. In Christchurch, New Zealand, there is to be an exhibition and congress in November and many other big events of the kind are en train for the coming years. There will be Paris and Stockholm in 1925, and greatest of all, New York in 1926.

The philatelic re-awakening of Canada is most welcome, for British North America had been very prominent in the stamp collecting world in the early and middle periods of our hobby, but has been rather out of it for the past twenty years or so.

THE NEW SEASON.

With October opens what we may term the official stamp season, and why should not the season 1924-25 prove to be the best stamp season that has ever been? Never was there more enthusiasm for stamps, more keen collectors, more opportunities for buying, selling and exchange. All the summer we have had exhibitions and rumors of exhibitions. Brussels, The Hague and Christiania have come and gone. Each has added its quota to the philatelic birth-rate, and for all these new collectors this will be their first winter—their first opportunity to get to grips with philately at its height.—Philatelic Magazine.

POSTAL JUBLIEE IN DENMARK .- By L. Petersen.

On January 3, 1925, it is 300 years since King Christian IV. wrote the law for postal arrangements in Denmark. In commemoration of this event there are to be issued stamps bearing the picture of King Christian IV. and Christian X. each stamp showing one of these kings, but printed with both stamps on the same sheet, each second row with Christian IV. and the other with Christian X. Values 5, 10 and 20 ore. The stamps are drawn by the painter Mr. Axel P. Jensen.

NEW ISSUE NOTES-By F. H. Hawley.

Algeria—The 50c, 75c, 1 fr. of the new French (Pasteur type) has been surcharged ALGERIE across the top of the stamp, the first two values are surcharged in red, while the latter is in black.

Argentine Republic—The 25c value has now appeared in bright vlolet, wmk. multiple suns (San Martin's type.)

Belgium—Two more new values for the Parcel Post series have been issued, they are 2.70 fr. gray, and 3.30 fr. brown.

Belgium East Africa—It has been reported that the present issue of stamps of this country have been withdrawn from sale and are being replaced by those of Belgium Congo.

Brazil—On July 2nd a postage stamp of the 200 reis value was issued to commemorate the centenary of the Independence of Ecuador, in which Brazil took a very prominent part in helping to establish this country's independence, and on the same day a public hollday was declared to celebrate the same. The stamps were lithographed locally at the Casa da Moeda (Mint) and is printed in four colours, being black, blue, yellow, and red.

British Solomon Is.—A new value has been issued for this country, namely the 1½d. red on script wmk. paper. Also a 2sh. 6p. in a new shade, this time the colour is olive gray on pale blue, wmk. multiple crown C. A.

Ceylon—The following clipping from the Ceylon Morning Leader of June 30th may be of some interest to some of our readers:

It has been brought to the notice of the Postmaster General that a great inconvenience is being caused by the want of a 1,000 rupee stamp.

As a result of these representations the Post Office Dept. has decided to issue a 1,000 rupee stamp, which will resemble the 10 rupee stamp in color—namely red. The stamp is to be issued to the public in a short time. The new 12c stamps are also expected to be issued shortly.

Note—The reference to the colours of the existing 10 rupee stamp is, of course not correct, as the actual colours of the same are purple and black, on red paper.

Congo-The new 20c stamp is now being issued in a new colour, namely olive green.

Danzlg—The following new air mail stamps have been reported as issued, values are 10 pfg., red; 20 pfg., bright violet; 1 g., olive green, and the 2g, maroon.

Eritrea—Two new express letter stamps have been Issued for this country, values are 60c, carmine and brown, and 2 lira, cobalt and brown.

France—The following new issues are reported. They are 75c, blue, Pasteur design; 85c salmon pink, sower design, and the 45c, pale green, postage due.

The Olympian Game series was withdrawn from sale on July 31, the stamps however will be accepted for postage up to and including September 30 of this year.

Gibraltar—The 1 sh., 2 sh., 4 sh. and 8 sh. stamps on script wmk. paper were placed on sale to the public on June 20 and simultaneously the same values on the old wmk. paper were withdrawn from sale, for what reason it is not clear, as there is no change in either the design or the color, the only difference being the new wmk. No previous notice of withdrawal was

given the public and it would be interesting to know as to how the withdrawn stock will be disposed of.

Guatemala—The 1.50 peso, blue and orange, type A-174, has been surcharged "1924, UN PESO" in two lines, the surcharge is in black.

Honduras—One new issue bearing the bust of Dionisio de Herrera on a pedestal against a white background as a center design, with the words "Correas de Honduras" in a haif circle across the top with U. P. U., 1923, in the upper corners and the value in words across the bottom has appeared. These stamps are very poorly lithographed, peri., and when canceled with the prevailing cancellation of five parallel bars in violet is almost unrecognizable, values are 1c olive, 2c carmine, 6c violet and 10c blue.

Monaco—The following new provisional surcharges from this country have been noted, they are 45c on 50c, 75c on 1 fr. yellow and 85c on 5 fr. dark green, all are of the 1891-94 issue, the surcharging being in black.

Nigeria-The 1sh. jet black on emerald paper, script wmk., has been issued.

Peru—The following quantities of stamps as reported for this country in last issue have been ordered: 2c., 100,000; 4c., 800,000; 8c., 100,000; 10c., 8,000,000; 20c., 800,000; 50c., 200,000; 1 sol., 150,000; 2 sol., 20,000.

Salvador—The 1 colon value, type A-101, has appeared with the surcharge "20" at each side and "Veinte Centavos" at the bottom. The overprint being in black.

Seychelles is.—The 18c purple on yellow and the current 75c and 1R. 50c stamps are now being issued on script wmk. paper.

San Marino—To celebrate the 75th anniversary of Garibaldi's entrance into San Marino this county has issued five new stamps, values being 30c., 50c., 60c., 1 and 2 iiras.

Spanish Guinea—The following new pictorial series has been reported as issued in this country, values are 5c., chestnut and blue; 10c., ollve and blue; 15c., lilac, rose and black; 20c., iilac and black; 25c., red and black; 30c., orange and black; 40c., blue and black; 50c., iilac, red and black; 60c., red, brown and black; 1p., violet and black; 4p., light blue and black, and 10p., bluish green and black. The designs are remulsiscent of the Mozamblque type.

Spanish Sahara—This is a new one, it is reported by the Madrid Filatelico that this country at last has a series of stamps all its own. The design shows an Arab standing by his camel. Values reported are 5c., bluish green; 10c., greenish gray; 15c., blue; 20c, violet; 25c, red; 30c, chestnut; 40c, deep blue; 50c, orange; 60c, lilac; 1p., illac-rose; 4p., deep chestnut; 10p., deep illac. They are to be used at LaAguera and Rio de Oro only.

Switzerland—It is reported that the following new Air Post stamps have been issued, they are 65c. blue, 75c. red and 1fr. violet. All are of the same design showing a winged figure in the center with wings outstretched reaching to each upper corner. The name of the country is in the lower left hand corner, while the value is in the lower right corner.

Fred W. Booking of Boulder, Col., who last year sent his collection of rock formations to the Fulton high school, recently sent another collection, this time of specimens for the school science laboratories. Included was a part of the vertebrae of a dynosaur which is supposed to have been sixty feet long when it roamed the hills of Colorado.

IS GOOD IDEA IN MEKEEL'S STAMP NEWS.

Exchange idea: "I envied those who attended the recent stamp bourse at Detroit, and I wonder if there were not many others who did not do likewise. Do you think it practical for the collectors, dealers and all others who may be interested in stamps, resident in a state to get together for a day or two for a similar session or fair? A central town of rair size could be the place of meeting, and I think that the occasion would be an interesting affair and give the more or less isolated collectors a glorious opportunity to mingle with their fellows with the idea of barter and sale." It is hard to predict whether or not an exchange of the kind would be attended largely enough to justify the occasion. Yet in theory the thought is an appealing one, and we should like to see some philatelically populous state experiment with the idea. A well advertised meeting of the kind would attract the attention of outsiders to the stamp theme, and it is not unreasonable to suppose that there would be a real benefit to philately outside of that which those who participated in the bourse might derive. Should any collector be interested enough in the subject to give it serious consideration, we have no doubt but that we could put him in touch with other collectors in his section who might be willing to co-operate with him.

S. P. A. convention opened with a convocation prayer by Secretary Lycett, followed by an address of welcome by Dr. J. Brace Chittenden, the Austrian specialist, Secretary of the New York Collector's Club and doyen of New York philatelists. He aptly gave as justification "for the faith that is in us," the reason for our enthusiasm over stamps, the excuse for the urge that impels us to inconvenience ourselves that we may own certain stamp treasures. The acquisitive instinct is first, the sense of ownership, the largest class. The monetary instinct is there, the knowledge that if we buy right—our property need but lie dormant, it will be worth more later—the lesser class. The gathering of any object, art pieces, manuscripts, pottery, old furniture, firearms, stamps, is governed by its scarcity. This is sensed by a smaller class than the previous two. The intrinsic beauty of the article collected is a further evidence of the true collector's perception, and this class is the smallest of them all.

The Society of Philatelic Americans Branch No. 2, Cincinnati was organized September 1, 1924, by five members of the S. P. A. and the membership of the Universal Stamp Alliance. Dr. L. G. Tedesche was elected president; Nick Imfeld secretary and treasurer. Committee on membership, E. S. Daniels, A. E. Hussey, M. D., and L. G. Tedesche. The prospects for a large membership is bright. Next regular meeting September 16, 1924, to be held at 628 Elm St., Cincinnati, Ohio, when a permanent home will be selected. The society is for the sole purpose of buying, selling and trading stamps. Every month a regular stamp auction will be held.—Stamp Herald.

Over a million and a half dollars have been realized from the Ferrari auctions in Paris thus far, and it is not improbable that another million will be totaled.—Mekeel's Stamp News.

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A PHILATELIC ATLAS .- By E. Bentley Wood.

(Continued from last issue.)

A tragic occurrence led to the issue of the map stamp of Newfoundland. In April, 1908, some \$100,000 worth of 2c and 5c stamps were involved in a wreck, and eventually washed ashore on the Island of Cuttyhunk. These were treated by the islanders as natural perquisites, and though most of them were recovered, it led to a new 2c, which bore the map of Newfounland. A contemporary American comment said that in order, apparently, to save jealousy, no towns were named, though the Gulf of St. Lawrence on the left, and the Atlantic Ocean on the right, are both marked.

We will now sail to another part of the world. In 1888 it was decided to issue a set of stamps commemorating the centenary of the British Settlement of New South Wales. Designs for this series were thrown open to competition, and for the 5|- value a full map of Australia was selected, nicely drawn, with the separate divisions clearly marked, for which the artist received a handsome premium of ten guineas.

The later parody issued on the unification of the Australian Commonwealth with a kangaroo as large as the whole dominion, is too well known to need further comment.

Australia's neighbor, New Zealand, issued a map stamp in October of last year to commemorate the return to 1d postage, a step which we should like to see followed at home.

Journeying homewards, we pass in the Indian Ocean, the little French island of Reunion. The stamps make the most of the 1,000 square miles which they represent by marking the island's four principal towns and its one little coast railway about the length of that from Cambridge to London.

Our next example may be termed a philatelic expression of "Turkish Delight," though to us it recalls very tragic memories. Before the Armistice brought an end to the Great War, Turkey issued a series of stamps, two of which show a map of the Dardenelles, which they successfully held against the armies of the allies. One of these stamps is worth examining as having all the place-names marked in Turkish script, and is a masterpiece of fine map drawing.

Also in connection with the War is an example of what may be called a palimpsest, a hybrid, a mongrel, or anything else bad you like to call it. This is one of the first issues of Lettland, one of the many emissions which have marked the New Europe flood, and which is printed on the back of German war maps.

The newly-formed State of Esthonia has also issued a rather striking map stamp delineating its territorial independence.

The occupation of Castlerosso by Italy has also recently been commemorated by a map of the little island over which now waves the national tricolor.

Lastly, we arrive home and find that Ireland, in separating herself from the Mother Country, has further shown her independence by issuing a map of that unhappy country, but which still includes Loyal Ulster. What the North thinks of the South in this matter is better imagined than expressed; the wonder is that we have had no formal protest in this quarter.

Summarizing the whole, it will be noticed that the majority of the map stamps was issued to mark some important epoch in their country's history.

Our atlas is rather a scrappy one, and many lands are as yet undelineated, but the few map-bearing stamps which have appeared provide much

information which is not only interesting, but instructive in the world's happenings.

There may be other examples, but I think it will be agreed that the study of the philatelic atlas is not without some pleasure and profit.—Collectors' Fortnightly.

PHILATELIC LITERATURE.

If any of my readers have within them the true discoverer's zest for a difficult search, here is their chance. It is a search in which all ages may join for philately forms one of the few words in which youth and crabbed age can live together. Seven and seventeen and seventy meet on equal ground and with a common purpose in this entrancing region. Looking back over the fifty odd years in which I have followed philatelic fortune, I can see that it has brought me into contact with a greater variety of ages than any other pursuit. In the seventies of last century, as a boy I correspanded with veterans-Legrand, De Bosredon, Mount Brown, Pemberton, Tiffany; in 1923 the position is reversed. But the pleasure is still the same, for there is nothing like philately to help one speedily to recognize a man and a brother, of whatever age or size. It is this feeling of comraderie that lends special interest to the business of drawing up such a bibliographical list as this. One takes a personal pride in chronicling work which, starting so well in 1863, still maintains its high standard, and produces such an excellent representative as "The Philatelist," to whose enterprising young editor all honor must be paid for keeping the Scottish philatelic flag flying so gallantly.-The Philatelist (The Philatelic Journal of Scotland.)

To spread the gospel of philately and, at the same time, show his fellow town's folks a "good time" Mr. Lampson mailed out a goodly quantity of postal cards carrying the following "invite:"

"Jolly Evening for Stamp Collectors.

"No matter how young you are, or how old you are, if you collect postage stamps, if you have ever collected, of wish to collect, or have an old collection of stamps lying around your house, you are invited to spend a jolly, entertaining and instructive evening next Thursday, August 21st, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robin Lampson, upper apartment, 648 California St., Mountain View. Young and old, boys and girls, men and women, are cordially invited to come and have a look at the magnificent collection of stamps which Mr. Lampson gathered on his European travels. One small part of his collection, the stamps of Russia, were recently on display at the Stanford University library.

"Those who wish to attend are asked to come any time after eight in the evening and the Lampsons will be glad to have all bring along their collections. Refreshments will be served."—From Gossip.

LIFTS STAMP EMBARGO.

Budapest—The Hungarian government has lifted the embargo on rare stamps and stamp collections. It also has decreed that since August 1 all passport fees must be paid in gold kronen.

Before 1845 the postal rate on letters in the United States varied from six cents for carrying a piece of mail a distance of 30 miles to 25 cents for ever 400 miles.

WORLD STAMP SHOW PLANNED.

Plans for an international stamp exhibition, the first to be held in the United States, but no novelty on the continent, were outlined by Charles J. Phillips of New York, before the American Philatelic society at Detroit convention.

Philatelists of every stamp-issuing country of the world will be invited to the exhibition, which will take place in 1926 and which will go similar European affairs a bit better by offering medals or other durable recognition for research work in philately.

Motion pictures dealing with the geography and history traceable through stamps will be another feature, the films to be supplemented by a corps of speakers who will address school children of New York and environs on the minute phases of stamp collecting.

Among yesterday's arrivals was William H. Schaffner, president of the Marion County bank of which the late President Harding was a director. Schaffner'was rich in reminiscences of the departed executive, having an acquaintance with him that dated from the arrival of Harding in Marion in 1881.

Schaffner never interested the president in collecting stamps himself, but his collection is replete with correspondence from Mr. Harding. Whenever the president when a member of the senate went to foreign lands he always bought some stamps, stuck them on an envelope and sent them to Schaffner.

After a morning given over to discussion of the proposed international show and to receiving invitations for the society to hold its next convention in Los Angeles a Dealers' and Traders' night was held.

The Pre-Cancel club announced the election of B. Gordon Bushnel of Indianapolis as president and John Spaulding of New Berlin, N. Y., as secretary and treasurer.

The convention will close with a dinner.

COOLIDGE PHILATELIC DEAN.

The dean of stamp collectors in Detroit is General Charles A. Coolidge, of the Pasadena apartments, who celebrated his eightieth birthday on July 19. He enlisted in the American Philatelic society on its organization, but disposed of his first collection in 1894. He served in the Philippines and in the Boxer campaign, about whose stamps he wrote articles for weekly stamp publication. After his military ambition had been served he turned his attention to philately again.

Detroit has two adult stamp clubs—the Detroit Philatelic society of which William T. Livingston is president and the Michigan Stamp club, headed by Dr. Neal L. Hoskins. C. F. Heyerman, Penobscot building, is president of the national organization.

German Provisionals.

"It is too early yet to say which of these stamps will be rare. They are still cheap but there may be a sharp rise when the present stocks are exhausted."

Marre, the world-wide known philatelist, has this to say:

"Some of these provisionals before long will be as hard to get as the 3pf Saxony."

DETROIT AUCTION GIVES INKLING OF FORTUNES IN OLD OFFICES, ATTICS.

The American stamp collectors paid thousands of dollars in their auction for unusual specimens of used and unused stamps that long ago passed out of issue.

The major piece—a block of four New York five-cent stamps issued in 1845, with extra stamps attached at the right of the upper right and upper left stamps making an irregular block of six—was sold to John Kleman, New York, for \$476.

Stiff prices ruled. A horizontal pair of New Yorks on the envelope brought \$146; a single copy, two pairs and a strip of three of the three-cent United States of 1865 on an envelope which bore the cancellation, "Raritan and Delaware Bay railroad, July 26, 1867—Steamboat," sold for \$116; 30-cent United States stamp of 1853 on a fancy patriotic cover bearing the pictures of Lincoln and Johnson in medalions brought \$75; a 10-cent confederate stamp with Mobile, Ala., cancellation sold for \$130; two Swiss stamps of Zurich, 1850, netted \$102; a block of four of the 10-cent green United States of the 1861 issue brought \$216; a block of four of the 90-cent stamp printed by the United States from 1871 to 1879 fetched \$101 and Phillips, of New York, paid \$100 for a block of six of the unused Confederate States stamps of 1861.

Prices for foreign issues were considerably lower than United States, except for a copy of a four-pence scarlet vermillion of Newfoundland, which brought \$106; a mint block of eight of the five-cent blue of Nova Scotia, 1860-63, which sold for \$61, and a copy of the two-pence blue of Mauritius issued in 1848 which netted \$61.

Stamps which brought close to the \$50 mark were numerous, and they shaded down to 75 cents for a block of four of Civil war revenues.

Some of the prices for late issues of United States held out encouragement to prospective collectors and the kid stamp swappers of today who will become the philatelists of tomorrow. In 1902, the United States issued some 5-cent imperforated stamps. Last night a block of four of these sold for \$16. Six \$1 stamps issued as recently as 1915 were bought for \$17, and a collection of 300 Harding precancelled stamps found a purchaser at \$26.

It was Detroit's first view of a large stamp auction and both men and women were present.

Two extreme rarities, one valued at \$7,500 and the other priced at \$8,500, were on view yesterday.

One was an unused vertical strip of four 10-cent stamps of 1847 from the corner of the sheet, which was acquired recently by a New York firm of stamp dealers when it bought the United States collection of J. F. Lozier, automobile manufacturer, at a price said to be \$110,000. It was for sale at \$8,500.

The other unusual feature was a New Haven postmaster's provisional exhibited by Harold C. Brooks, of Marshall, Mich. Brooks obtained the copy through newspaper advertising. Two stamped envelopes were issued by New Haven in 1845. One was a five-cent red, which catalogues at \$3,500; the other a 5-cent blue on buff, which catalogues at \$7,500. The Brooks discovery is a new variety—a 5-cent blue on white paper.

Another variety shown by Brooks was a New York postmaster's stamp issued in 1845. The postmaster at that time was R. H. Morris, and all the

stamps were initialed in red ink to insure extra protection against counterfeiting. Most of these were initialed A. C. M. by A. C. Monson, a postal clerk, and only a few got the pen of the postmaster. Those initialed R. H. M. catalogue \$600; those signed A. C. M. are worth only \$50. The old folded letter bearing the Brooks copy is dated August 20, 1845, being one of the earliest dates on which this provisional issue was used.

It was announced that the mail ballot on the presidency of the society had resulted in the overwhelming election of P. M. Wolsieffer, of Philadelphia, to succeed C. F. Heyman, of Detroit, as president for the ensuing year.

A warm welcomed arrival yesterday was Jacob Keller, who came to Detroit in 1872 and moved to Calgary in 1920 after keeping a little stamp shop on Randolph street that was for years the rendezvous of adolescent philatelists.—Detroit Paper.

One night was also designated as Dealers' and Traders' night.

WHO WAS FIRST?-by Oscar T. Hartmann.

What do you know about philately? A few teasers. The answers you will find in some other part of this paper.

- 1. What country issued the first postage stamp?
- 2. How many countries before 1850? Great Britain not included.
- 3. What country issued the first stamped envelope?
- 4. What country issued the first registration envelope?
- 5. What country issued the first wrapper? You ought to know.
- 6. What country issued the first single postcard?
- 7. What country issued the first reply postcard?
- 8. What country issued the first letter sheet?
- 9. What country issued the first prepaid letter sheet?
- 10. What country issued the first money order?
 - a. not stamped?
 - b. stamped?
 - c. stamped envelope?
- 11. What country issued the first telegraph stamp?
- 12. a. What country issued the first revenue stamp? (fixed, or impressed.)
 - b What country issued the first revenue stamp? (movable?)
 - c What country issued the first revenue stamp? (the first gummed?)
- 13. What state in U. S. issued the first revenue stamp?
- 14. So called locals? No date given.
- 15. What country had the first surcharge?

No data on reprints or counterfeits. In 1863 the U. S. Proposed the Universal Postal Union.

Message for collectors, "Know your stamps," is found in the best stamp book I seen issued this year, "The Complete Philatelist," by Fred Mellville; is well illustrated, many fine plates of stamps. Chapters—Grammar of Philately, Classification of Stamps, Principles of Collecting, Accessories, History from the Stamp Album, Postage Stamp Portraiture, Old Friends on New Stamps, Heraldy in Stamp designs, Stories from the stamps of China, Old Issue and New, British Empire, Simplified Collection, Local Postage Stamps, Postal Stationery, Postmarks, Who Collects Stamps? Philatelic Societies and Exhibitions, Philatelic Literature and Philatelic Terms. Each book he gets out is better.

HOW BEST CAN INTEREST IN PHILATELY BE STIMULATED? —By the Rev. James Mursell.

Our natural and inevitable point d'appui is the stamp. Philately is, as we have learned, "the collection of postage stamps as objects of curiosity or study." Now, postage stamps are interesting from many points of view and for many reasons. They are the universal means of franking letters from one place to another, whether the places are situate in the same city or at the opposite sides of the globe. They are produced and sold in the first instance under governmental control. Should a great empire, like our own, found a new colony, it must issue postage stamps of its own. Should empires break up, as has happened through the war, the fragments that succeed it establish their own postal institutions and issue their own stamps. Changes in governmental personnel, whether of monarch or of presidents, involve changes in stamps. The occasions which justify new issues are matters of governmental decision. Thus postage stamps and, by consequence. philately, have an international and governmental aspect, and interest in philately is vitally concerned with it. Some of our most pressing problems meet us at this point, and it is not too much to say that interest in philately in the not distant future will depend upon their satisfactory solution.

There is, for instance, the question of unnecessary issues, and also of superfluous changes in color, design, and paper. Changes are bound to occur, and in so wide a field to occur with tolerable frequency. But unnecessary changes create intolerable frequency. Changes should be made only for adequate reasons. One can understand why a poet should have a statue in Westminster Abbey, but why a special postage stamp should appear to celebrate the centenary of his birth is not so evident. The opening of an exhibition may fitly claim a special edition of an evening newspaper, but there is nothing in its nature to justify a postmaster-general issuing a new set of stamps. This is a sense in which the widespread interest in philately is the cause of the trouble. Collectors in the aggregate spend vast sums on stamps that cost little or nothing to produce, and for which the post office renders no service save to sell them at a fabulous profit. If by stimulating interest in philately we are to stimulate still further the production of unnecessary stamps in every quarter of the globe, it would be well to pause before we attempt it. The truth is that interest in philately constitutes a temptation to postal authorities which many of them are unable to resist, so that today we are in peril of seeing interest impaired, if not destroyed, by interest. The appetite for stamps, like that for food, can be palled by overfeeding. If interest in philately is to be stimulated the production of needless issues must be prevented.

Stamps also have a scientific aspect. Because of this the claim is sometimes made that philately is a science. That claim, however, can scarcely be made good. A science deals with natural phenomena either of matter or of mind, while stamps are manufactured articles. None the less they have a scientific aspect. Applied science is employed in their production. They may be studied also in a scientific spirit, and the scientific or inductive method assists the solution of the problems which they present.

The spread of scientific methods is one of the best means of stimulating interest in philately. It is here, indeed, that its real interest lies, since it may be taken to include the intellectual side of the pursuit. The systematic study of the stamps of any country teems with interest. The method of

their production, the history of their origin; the reasons for and the order of their issue, the possibility of plating them, the presence of retouches, of re-entries, or of secret marks; these and other features of interest open a field for accurate observation, for systematic marshalling of facts and for careful deduction which instantly raise philately above the level of mere pastime, and show it worthy the regard of thinking men. Every collector who will give time and study to his stamps along such lines will reap a rich reward of pleasure and of profit for himself, and is doing something towards stimulating interest in philately.

One remark is necessary under this head. The scientific study of stamps is applicable to stamps of every period and of every type. Scientific studies of the early line engraved issues that prevailed till 1870 or a little later may be said to abound. Such studies of issues produced by later and cheaper issues are few and far between. Here and there signs of a new appreciation of their interest are appearing, which is all to the good. For, while the classic issues of the Perkins Bacon period are growing less and less accessible to any but collectors of ample means, surface printed stamps are easily obtained. An immense stimulation of interest will accrue to philately when their value for the scientific student is acknowledged by the leaders of the philatelic world.

Stamps, further, have an artistic aspect. The old line engraved stamps were, almost without exception, creations of high artistic merit. The observer is often left wondering how such a wealth of bold yet delicate beauty could be compressed into so small a space. It is true that some early stamps, like Sydney views, were quaint rather than beautiful, but, broadly speaking, it may be said that the stamps of the first period were productions of artistic worth. Nor are many of the electrotyped and surface printed stamps lacking in this respect. The pictorial issues of Tasmania are not popular, but it can scarcely be denied that they possess a beauty of their own. And so with many more. Now it is doubtless true that ugly stamps are sometimes interesting-witness the later issues of Queensland, a state that philatelically begins in splendor and ends in tragedy. But ugliness is not an aid to interest rather a hindrance. And of late years, due partly to the war, monstrosities in size and of design have been too numerous. They do not help philately. Beauty attracts interest ugliness repels it. One of the means of stimulating interest in philately is the creation of a public taste for artistic design in postage stamps.

Another side to this matter concerns the arrangement and the annotation of collections. Pages of stamps arranged in monotonous rows do not attract interest. They may be necessary in a dealer's stock, but they are an eye-sore in a collector's album, A tastefully arranged collection, the pages of which are not overcrowded, where every stamp has space enough allotted to enable it to seize and hold the eye, and where the writing up, if not in copper-plate, is carefully and neatly done, always entices interest and allures the mind.

Thus far the aspects of interest discussed as capable of stimulation have been those inherent in stamps themselves. The human element has been present, but not prominent. Now, however, the emphasis shifts somewhat from stamps to their collectors and students, and the change of emphasis will be reflected in a change of terms. Instead of dealing with aspects of stamps, aspects of philately will be discussed.—Stamp Collecting.

A FEW NOTES ON RECRUITING.

No doubt the special stamps issued for Wembley, Londan, Exhibition have done a lot towards making more beginners in stamp collecting. Such an unusual departure from the staid code adhered to by the Postal Authorities in this country for nearly eighty-five years is noticed almost as much by the general public as by stamp collectors themselves. The stamps are put by and are therefore liable to be referred to on many occasions; they are striking in appearance and it is not too much to wonder at if their possessors desire to delve into the mysteries of stamp collecting.

However, the exhibition stamps may, or may not, be good philatelic recruiting agents, but one thing is certain and that is the collector is always better placed to spread his hobby amongst the non-collecting fraternity and perhaps a few observations on this subject will prove useful.

In the first place my friend McLaren tells me that it is "not quite the thing" to announce one's favorite hobby to all one's acquaintances and friends. To try to persuade them that your hobby should be their hobby, he tells me, is not merely dictatoral but "positively bad form." Even so, but so far as I am concerned, I must state that I have started a good many stamp collectors, both juveniles and adults, on the road to collecting stamps and most of them have either written or thanked me in some form or another for so doing. Mind you, dear reader, I do not say this with the intention of patting myself on the back in public, but merely because I regard it as just the ordinary duty of every collector to spread his hobby amongst the non-collecting community as much as opportunity affords. Ours is the finest indoor hobby in creation and the people of today are sorely in need of some such stimulant to carry them over trying times of "nerves," trade depression, bad and uncertain weather and other similar destructive obstacles to a normal existence.

Some collectors tell me they are not believers in making recruits of every Dick, Tom and Harry they may meet—neither am I. One must first get acquainted before touching upon such a personal item as stamp collecting, and even then, they tell me, it cannot be looked upon as a duty to spread the cult. Neither can I, yet, for the good of philately now and in the years to come I never miss the chance of starting a friend or acquaintance at the pursuit of stamp collecting.

Again—and this is an important point to note these days— I am told that it costs money to start other collectors. Here I fail to agree, it has not cost me any. One parts with some duplicates and follows the gift with a loan of some philatelic literature and, in a few cases, a loan of a few shillings to youngsters in order to assist them to fan the "flame" to burning point. This part of the campaign is similar to sending selections of stamps to boys at school because one must first get the parents' consent. I cannot advise readers to lend money to youngsters because, apart from the risk of never seeing it returned, there are other risks; it appears to do so is not etiquette. For instance, one young fellow went behind my back. Having borrowed a couple of half-crowns, ostensibly to buy stamps with, he went and contracted to purchase a raincoat on the installment system and, not being in a position to keep up the payments, the firm got in touch with his father who at once sounded the young man and in the end he came post-haste to see me.

STAMP NOTES.

U. S. Stamp Collectors Get Prize Specimens.

More than 16,000,000 francs have so far been realized from the sale by the French government sequestre of the Ferrari de la Renatiere postage stamp collection, which was started two years ago and which will continue until next year, when all the stamps will have been sold.

Most of the more valuable specimens have gone to the United States to enrich collections there. The Ferrari collection was the largest and most valuable in the world.

The fancy for stamp collection began a short time after the issue of the first British penny and two-penny stamps in 1840. Dr. Gray of the British Museum began collecting them soon after their appearance. An advertisement in the Times of 1841 asked for gifts of cancelled stamps for a young lady. In 1842 the new hobby was criticized by Punch. In 1860 stamp collecting began to be systematically carried on with regard to different kinds of paper, water-marks, perforations, shade of color and distinctive outline. In 1862 a teacher in Paris required pupils to collect and paste stamps in atlasses and geographies according to countries and this may have been the first form of systematic classification of stamps in a collection.

A Postcard Message Received From Hell.

Visalia, Calif.—L. C. Hyde, assistant cashier of the Visalia Branch of the Bank of Italy, has received a card direct from Hell.

Such is the postmark on a missive received from A. C. Kraus, former commercial salesman through the San Joaquin Valley, who is now making an extensive tour of Northern Europe.

In his travels he dropped into the little Scandanavian Peninsula town of Hell and availed himself of the opportunity of sending from there numerous cards to friends in this country.

Mr. Hyde's card bore the legend "Se where I've landed!"

Stamp Club Meets.

One of the most enthusiastic organizations of the city is the San Diego Stamp Club, first organized in 1915, and reorganized in 1922. Meetings are held every two weeks in the Snyder building.

A marked increase in the hobby of stamp collecting has been noticed during the past year. Not only among boys is the hobby proving popular, but many grownups are also following the pastime. The local philatelic organization now has thirty-five active members.

A boys' Philatelic Club sponsored by the San Diego Stamp Club, meets every other Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, under the leadership of Mrs. Clark of LaJolla.

All followers of philately, whether owners of a big collection, or not, are especially invited to attend the meeting of the local organization.

STAMP COLLECTORS PROTEST.

Munich.—Stamp collectors here have been complaining of the careless way in which stamps are cancelled. As a result postal authorities have ordered all clerks to do their work with great care, so stamps will not be rendered useless to collectors by having ink smudged all over them.

POSTMARK IS AN AD.

Italian Publisher Uses Stamp Cancellation to Tell of a Novel.

Letters are at present arriving with the stamps cancelled by a postmark the translation of which reads: The "Corriere Italiano" is publishing Mata-Hari, a new novel by Guido Da Verona.

Alongside the square which contains this wording is the bust of a slightly elad young woman, who is apparently the heroine of some Eastern romance. The whole thing is certainly, a most elaborate postmark—quite an illustrated article as compared with unimaginative advice like "Post Early in the Day." But it looks as though for some things the world conference of advertising men would be more appropriately held at Milan than Wembley.

SIZE OF MEDIUM AND HIGH VALUE STAMPS.

We had hoped that, ere this, some reader would have raised the question of the size of British Colonial stamps of more than 1s. face value. Our own feeling is that if one buys a stamp of, say, 5s. face one ought to get more for one's money than if the stamp were merely 2d. face. It may be a prejudice on our part, but, on the other hand, many readers may feel the same. The British Government are on our side, as their high value postage stamps are not only "things of beauty," but are much larger in size than the lower values. Popularity in stamps is such a wonderful combination of little things and great that it is possible the size of the high values has something to do with the question. What do readers think?—Stamp Collecting.

THE GENERAL COLLECTOR'S DIFFICULTY .- By Specimen.

We live in stirring times. Too stirring for some of us. Those of us who have passed the five thousand mark in our general collection view rather with diffidence the rapid accumulation of new issues that are showered upon us by, it seems, all the postal officials in the world. Much has been written about unnecessary issues and so forth, but that does not seem to prevent them from coming. As general collectors we take them and put them in our album. There was once a time when a society was formed for the suppression of speculative stamps. The idea was sound as far as practicable, but it was impracticable as a whole. The society waned through lack of support. At first the public embraced the idea, but as all the issues were chronicled by those who wrote the catalogues and the general public demanded the stamps, it was found by the society that the public did not require its protection, but had learned to think differently.

It is the function of the stamp dealer to supply to the public what the public wants, and not so much what the dealer wishes to sell to the public. Once or twice catalogues have omitted various issues and firms have given out that they will not deal in such and such stamps. The public has demanded these stamps and so the dealer has had to learn to think differently.

When I first began to collect it was some time ago and one had a reasonable chance of filling up nearly all the gaps in the album. The albums were then of smaller size, and the catalogues too, and all one had to do was to follow the "books of the words."

Mankind is wonderfully adaptable. A new idea is almost always received with ridicule or horror. Railways were once the objects of endless mirth, and wireless telegraphy was classed with the impossible. Since then we have adapted ourselves to the new ideas and learned to think differently. It is somewhat of a depressing thing for the beginner to look at a modern catalogue and see the gigantic task before him in the formation of his

general collection. In nine cases out of ten he fails in courage to pursue his hobby, for he does not like the idea of specialization and the intense study of stamps that a large number of collectors are now pursuing. This difficulty is not so insurmountable as many think. General collecting is not the same as it was. The idea is the same, but the task too much, save for millionaires. Only a few of us can attain to "Millionairehood" fortunately. The general collector of today must learn to think differently from his ancestors and realize that the real joy and pleasure of general collecting lies in the acquisition of specimens that are lacking, i. e., completing the sets and the countries, and this is now only feasible by moderating the number of countries to collect or by restricting the time limit for issues. Collecting, say, prior to 1900 or after 1910 is now quite a common thing, though years ago the new idea would have been met with upraised hands and cries of derision.

The older school of collectors, who have done most of the "spade work" on their collections in past days, have only the new issues to acquire, but those about to start and who have already started are placed in such a position that they must learn to think differently.

As a slight suggestion of groups that are convenient for the formation of a general collection within the limits, may I mention the following: Continents; prior to 1900; King Edward Issues only; King George Issues only; Colonies, either British, French, Portuguese, Spanish or Italian; all stamps up to 1s in the catalogue, etc.

Determine on your group or limit, and then pay no more attention to stamps outside your sphere, and you will find that soon you are on the high road to acquiring a really interesting, complete and valuable collection, by having learned to think differently.—The Kensington Philatelist.

EXHIBITION 1924 CONVENTION AMERICAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

United States—Forty-seven five and ten cent covers, 2 albums full by W. Fratcher. Early by Dr. W. L. Babcock. 1847 to 1907 by Fred R. Schmalbriedt. Covers by J. A. Jungwirth. Supplementary Mail by Dr. W. L. Babcock. Used Blocks by J. E. Scott. Hardings by Herman W. Boers. Harding Cancellations by H. J. Kaufmann. Metered Mail by C. F. Heyermann Revenues by Henry Look. Revenues by L. A. White. Revenues by William M. Swan. Boston Tea Party by C. F. Heyerman.

Canada by F. T. Norris. Falkland Islands by W. T. Livingston. German Colonies by Robt. O. Meyer. Great Britain and Colonies, King Edwards by John Kay. Latvia by Karl Koslowski. Netherlands by W. C. Richards. Newfoundland by John Kay. Newfoundland by F. T. Norris. Poland by Z. Dworkowski, Seychelles by W. T. Livingston. Foreign Coyers by J. A. Jungwirth. British Colonies by C. H. Holden. W. F. Fratcher and others.

H. W. Boers writes West: There were close to 300 people at the stamp exhibit and convention on Monday. A wonderful collection of stamps and covers were shown by local collectors. By far the finest ever shown here. Collectors from all over the states were here. Such a gathering of prominent collectors never here before. The stamp exhibition attracted many people here who are interested. Fully fifty ladies were here.

ARE YOU A LINGUIST?

7 in English is spelled, seven. Now can you tell the other 12. The language of their respective country. Let's go: Sieben, sept, syv, siete, seitseman, seven, het, sette, septe, sju, ekihu. Answer in some other part of this paper.

A STAMP AUCTION IN LONDON .- Sent by Clarke.

Kipling once said that you can see everyone in the world sometime or other if you stand outside Charing Cross Post Office, London, or Shepherd's Hotel in Cairo. Whether this sweeping dictum be true or not, it is impossible to say, but there is no doubt that you can get most any stamp that has ever been issued if you attend the stamp auctions in London and sometimes thousands of pounds change hands in the purchase of these insignificant labels. and, speaking generally, the higher the price the uglier the stamp.

When you enter the auction room you find the long baize-covered table hidden by albums, piles of "folders" containing leaves from old albums, the paper almost hidden from sight with a patchwork of stamps, or perhaps a single stamp in an acre of paper.

Bidders are a kind of lucky-bag; you may get a prize, but the chances are heavily against it, for expert eyes have glanced at every one. Finally there are the rarities mounted in lonely splendor and hedged about with little envelopes of transparent paper. You may see but not touch them.

Then the auction begins. Collections in albums go first, then the countries of the world are passed in review in alphabetical order, each lot being carried quickly up and down by a girl who obviously regards the male things who are bidding with contemptuous boredom.

The auctioneer keeps things moving with rapidity. A nod, an uplifted finger, and the prices go up. The even flow of bargains goes on till presently Lot 158 is reached. "Canada twelve pence black. What offers, gentlemen?" "£10," "£20," "£50," a pause, and the "£100." Everyone now is watching. "Laid paper, gentlemen," for the texture of the paper has its effect on the price. The bidding goes on. "£120," "£130," "£135"—and it is knocked down at £145. Again the tempo slows down. "Black pennies" by the score. Cape triangulars by the page excite little interest here. They turn up at every auction.

Errors That Pay.

Then "Lot 213." "Honduras shilling grey, double surcharge. Your offers, please." It is a curious stamp; issued as a shilling one the printer labeled at "50 cents," and ten of them suffered the further indignity of having "TWO" printed across the "59." It begins at "£50," "£60," "£65" (and it is no bigger than our penny stamp), "£70"—and at "£75" its fate is sealed.

It must be remembered at a stamp auction one pays for printers' errors; a dropped letter or a stamp the wrong way up, and its price mounts by hundreds per cent. The engraver who spelt "Wales" as Waees," or as "Walls" probably regretted it when with force and impoliteness the mistake was pointed out to him, but he achieved pothumous fame since his name endureth for ever among philatelists.

CULTIVATE A HOBBY.

"I am always sorry when I hear a business man of middle age say he has no hobby, because I know that when he retires he will live unhappily for a year or two and then die," said Dr. H. R. Kenwood, at London university.

Rare unused stamp is sold for \$600, London England. A copy of the old \$5 Brown stamp unused realized \$600 at a sale of rare British stamps—Seattle Star.

THE GALLED JADE DOTH WINCE SOMEWHAT.

We, ourselves, remember buying a Russian cover from a dealer for 3s. 6d. One of the stamps thereon was of a queer color, but we thought little of that until one fine day, several months later, someone said that there was a recent Russian stamp catalogued by Scott \$60. It was the same; but the joke lay in the fact that, in the interval the same dealer had offered us another at the same price of 3s. 6d., but we had returned it in our lordly way with the remark that we already had one. Perhaps one hundred exist of this particular error, which some day will probably be a first-class European rarity, and that is how we acted. When we see some collectors worrying about selling their collections, we wonder what they will think in a year or two. When times are hard, it is surely best, if at all possible, to sit tight, and not unduly sacrifice good collections. We feel that there are still mapy unrecognized scarce stamps even in the well-filled field of modern British Colonials and U. S.—Stamp Collecting.

THINGS ON THE SIDE AT THE S. P. A. CONVENTION, N. Y.

Mr. Thos. Evans deserves much credit for securing 300 lines of "copy" in 210 newspapers throughout the United States on the Convention. This we feel is the largest stamp publicity act ever pulled off by any stamp organization.

The Fox Film two scene act for their Weekly News Reel showed (1) J. M. Bartels turning the pages of his wonderful Venevuela specialized collection, (2) the group of officers Messrs. Hoffman, Lycett, Hoover and Hussey. Bach tried hard to get his magazine in it but the operator kicked.

Mr. Vahan Mozian got the fever so bad he paid for a gold medal Life Membership. This is the spirit that will bring the Society back fast.

Genial Ex-President Kissinger was on hand from Reading.

Those who came the furthest were W. C. Henry of Los Angeles, W. C. Moirt of Kitchener, Ontario and Dr. A. E. Hussey of Cincinnati.

Dr. Serge Avazon, New York City, displayed the most valuable stamp during the convention, that of British Guiana, No. 14.

The swappers had a great time Tuesday night. There were over 100 of them at it and much goods changed hands.

Miss E. Cook of Easton, Pa., had a wonderful assortment of general stamps and some remarkable precancels with her.

ELECT OFFICERS FOR SOCIETY OF PHILATELIC AMERICANS.

Executive officers were re-elected at the thirteenth annual meeting in New York. A new constitution and by-laws were adopted, placing the control of the society in the hands of a board of governors.

The board is composed of Joseph H. Hoffman, G. W. A. Camp and Baldwin Schlessinger, all of New York City. The officers re-elected include: President, V. W. Rotnem, Minneapolis; vice president, E. W. Heusinger, San Antonio, Tex.; treasurer, N. R. Hoover, New Rochelle; secretary, William Lycett, Brooklyn; international secretary, W. J. Coleman, New York City; trustees, G. C. Cuenod, T. E. Flick and R. W. Rogers, all of Texas.

"Punch" On Philately.

A World Conference of Stamp Collectors has been started. It is usually a good idea for sportsmen to meet together in this way now and again.

WAR CENSOR AND CANCELLATION MARKS .- By Ned H. Starbird.

(Note: I recently came across the following article written by Mr. F. G. Floyd of Boston, Mass., entitled "War Postal Cards." This article has appeared in the bulletin of the "Postal Card Society of America." But it is of so much interest to many of our readers who have not seen it that I have decided to run it instead of my regular articles on censored envelopes, etc. Any of our readers having any types not mentioned are requested to write me and due notice will be given in later issues.—Ned H. Starbird, Cherry Valley, Mass.)

During the great World War soldiers and sailors of the United States in actual service were allowed free use of the mails and to encourage communication with relatives and friends, postal cards of various kinds were provided. These cards I call for want of a better uame, War Postal Cards. As they bear no stamp impression they are not entitled to a place in our collections but to those who interpret postal stationery in its broadest sense as anything passing through the mail, this restriction does not apply and for such philatelists these war postal cards have a very real interest, not only historically but also on account of their artistic merit.

I am not aware of any published reference to these cards in Philatelic literature and certainly the fraternity is singularly unfamiliar with them considering the large number sold. It seems desirable therefore to record their existence and I trust that even though they do not appeal to all of my brother collectors of postal cards, this article may not be entirely devoid of interest to some of you.

Postal card issues of the United States differ from those of Great Britain and other English speaking countries in one unique particular. They all bear the words "Postal Card" on the address side whereas the cards of other nations use the expression "Post Card." These war cards of the U. S. especially designed for soldier use, instead of following the precedent established in 1873 (when cards were first issued in the U. S.) and using the time honored phaseology Postal Card, carry the English equivalent Post Card in every case where the phrase is used at all. Many, if not all of them, were executed abroad and probably designed there, which accounts for this rather unique analogy.

It is not my intention at this time to catalogue and describe all the many varieties of these interesting war cards, but rather to give a brief synopsis of some of them. They fall naturally into two definite groups:

A. Issued by the government. B. Issued by the several war wellfare organizations. Group A is a small one, comprising cards prepared by the government and issued to the U. S. forces. It can very well be divided into two sub-divisions: 1. Field Cards. 2. Hospital Cards.

I have but one variety of field card. This is a thin manila, varying in size, (103 mm.-104 mm. x 84 mm.-89 mm.), priuted in black on both sides. Reading face top in two lines caps: American Expeditionary Forces—Field Service Post Card. Lower left hand corner in seven lines: "The address only to be written on this side. If anything else is added the post card will be destroyed. Back, (narrow way) top in four lines: "Nothing is to be written on this side except the date and signature of the sender. Sentences not required may be erased. IF ANYTHING ELSE IS ADDED THE POST CARD WILL BE DESTROYED." Below which appears the following:

I am quite well.

I have been admitted into hospital.

Sick and am getting on well

Wounded and hope to be discharged soon.

I am being sent down to the base.

I have received your

letter dated telegram dated parcel dated

I have received no letter from you \ lately \ for a long time.

Signature only Date

(Postage must be prepaid on any letter or post card addressed to the sender of this card).

These Field Service Cards were issued at regular intervals to soldiers doing active service behind the front line trenches in rest areas, who were urged to make use of them. No franking signature was required. Used copies bear a circular post mark in black, reading "U. S. Army Postal Service" and dated with cancellation double convex circle in center with number of the field post office. The A. E. F. censor stamp is some times on the card also. Note that the words "Post Card" are used four times on this card.

The hospital cards are blue, varying in shade. I have seen two varieties.

1. Card light blue varying in thickness, size (133 mm.-136 mm.x88 mm.-89 mm.) printed in black on both sides. Reading face—top in large (13 mm.) caps, "Post Card." Below at left one line caps, "For address only," and below this three lines for address. Eack (narrow way) the same declamatory sentences and caution in almost the same phraseology as on the Field Service Card except last (Postage must be prepaid, etc.) which is omitted.

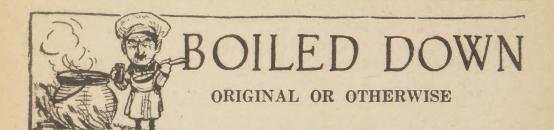
2. Card light greenish blue (140 mm.x90 mm.) Same wording similarly disposed as variety 1 back and front except instead of "American Expeditionary Force Censored Post Card." These hospital cards were for the use of the sick and wounded in the hospitals. They are unfranked by signature and the postmarks are various, depending on location of hospital. I have one copy from an English hospital with English postmark and censor's mark.

I have two cards which seem to belong in group A, but with only a single unused specimen of each, they are shrouded in more less mystery. Both are said to have been supplied to sailors aboard ships of the U. S. Navy in actual transport service, although there is nothing to designate their official character. The first is a regular 1-cent green Jefferson U. S. postal card, on the back of which, narrow way, are the same declamatory sentences, caution, etc., in the same order as on the hospital cards. The second is a plain cream white card (83 mm.x140 mm.) blank on one side, having the usual declamatory sentences and caution almost exactly the same as the first.

VALUABLE STAMPS FOUND .- Sent by H. N. Gilkison, Seattle.

During the turning over of old documents in the Record Office in London, a batch of New South Wales postage stamps of the 1855 issue was discovered. Collectors value them at \$4,500. The stamps were attached to a report sent to the colonial secretary by the governor of New South Wales.

To make a daily average amount of postage stamps, 3,000 pounds of paper, 2,200 pounds of ink and 3,200 pounds of gum are used.



Step by step and stamp by stamp is the way to get ahead.

Stamps-Later your treasure; now your pleasure.

Irish stamps will appreciate very considerably in a very short time.

Exhibition stamps of short lives, the longest not more than one year in use.

Dealers, secretaries of Common Stamp Societies, Clubs and Exchange Clubs. -- A good Commission is offered for all new subscribers you may introduce. Send for subscription blanks.—West Publishers.

The gentleman whose countenance is depicted on the 1920, Census, issue of Japan, is Jimmu—Japan's first Emperor, who reigned 2,583 years ago.

Your ad inserted in West guarantees a world-wide circulation, and the results would make you a regular advertiser. Now going on thirty years old.

Letters despatched by air from Lithuania now bear green labels indicating "Airpost" in two languages.

Edward J. Vogel of Readville, Mass., famous stamp collector, visited the White House the other day with his stamp album. The president autographed the book. Mr. Vogel spent 27 years in completing the album, and in that time collected and pasted 536,830 stamps.

lt's astonishing how scarce many stamps are that list only a few cents each. Most collectors think just because the price is low every dealer ought to have them.

Barbuda's philatelic career seems to have come to a full stop, at least for the time being. The special overprint used in this Island are to be discontinued. We are unaware what the authorities intend to do with the remainder. We hope they will destroy them, just as Nauru did with hers.

Two of the most important tools for philatelists are good hinges and good tongs.

It is a good habit to keep in touch with West Want X Ads.

No more will we see the stamps of Panama with the over-print "Canal Zone." The Post Office Department is now using current U. S. stamps with that surcharge.

Some Colombian covers are now being cancelled on the back, in black, with the air post reception mark of some towns, including Barranquilla.

The various issues of stamps put out by the Republic of Panama furnish one of the most interesting as well as the most valuable studies in stamp collecting.

We have had notes on air mail cover collecting. Watch for some more good stuff.

Get busy. If trade is quiet at home there is no need for you to be without orders. Make the world your market by sending your offers to every corner of the globe through the medium of "THE WEST." Recognized by traders of all nations as the "Business Bringer." Tell It, West Sells It.





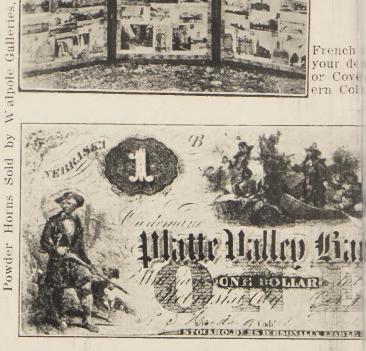
Firearms Sold by Walpole Galleries, New York.







French



Broken Nebraska Bank Bill sent by Nebraska 1 See write-up by Hughes.



E. Hines' Rooms, Dorchester, Mass. Finest in U.S. This collection sold by Walpole Galleries, New York. See more cuts in next number.

Card Screen for ide of Post Cards taken from West-



orical Society







Of all antiquities coins are the smallest, yet as a class, the most authoritative in record, and the widest in range. No history is so unbroken as that which they tell; no geography so complete; no art so continuous in sequence; nor so broad in extent; no mythology so ample and so various. Unknown kings, lost towns, forgotten divinities, new schools of art, have here their authentic record.

Please send us notes and clippings on coins, coinage, currency, medals, etc., We will appreciate such a favor and give credit for all that is sent. In co-operating with us in this way you will help make the contents of our department more interesting. M. SORENSON, 1030 NO. 17 ST. EAST, CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA.

One of the major problems which came up before the 27th annual convention of the American Mining congress, held this fall at Sacramento, Calif., was the huge loss the country is said to suffer every year through the destruction of gold coins.

As present no law prohibits the melting down of gold coins and the use of such metal in the manufacture of jewelry and in the arts. Proponents of a ban on such melting contend that five, ten and twenty dollar gold pieces, minted at the expense of the taxpayers are thus removed from circulation and from the media of exchange, to be turned into luxuries. Their opposition is based principally on the fact that gold has a fixed price, set by the government, unaffected by supply and demand, unlike other commodities.

An anti-destruction law was agitated at the convention and the attitude of the entire mining industry will be sounded out. If the sentiment is favorable steps will be taken to have such a bill presented in congress.

It has been estimated that Germany made a profit of about four billion dollars from the sale of paper marks in foreign countries at the time there was so much speculation in marks. It was a great aid to Germany both in meeting reparation obligations and in paying for foreign imports during the years 1919-22.

The king of Italy has long been a devoted students of numismatics, and six volumes have already appeared of his "Corpus Nummorum Italicorum," a monumental series, copiously illustrated, which aims at giving a complete catalogue of Italian coins from the Middle Ages to the present time, whether struck in Italy or by Italians in other countries.

There was a great variety of currencies in the days when almost every independent state, however small, issued its own money. The exceeding beauty of some of the coins, such as the gold florins of Florence, the zecchino of Venice, and the silver matapane, first struck by the blind doge, Enrico Dandalo, make a study of Italian mints peculiarly fascinating.

The "Corpus Nummorum Italicorum" is the only extended work of reference on the subject, as information about Italian coins, other than ancient ones, is mostly buried in rare pamphlets or scattered articles. The first volume, begun before the king's accession, deals with the coinage of the house of Savoy; the second deals with the mints of Piedmont and Sardinia; the following three volumes deal with Liguria, Corsica, Lombardy and Ticino.

The sixth volume, published last year, treats of the minor mints of the Venetian provinces, including Dalmatia; while the concluding volumes will deal exclusively with the coinage of the republic of Venice.

Mexico is about the only country in the world in which the money in circulation is gold, silver and copper. Paper money is not used.

Many people may not know that iron money has been in use in this country. After the first successful iron works in America was established at Taunton, Mass., in 1653, some of its products were used as money.

Boers reports that a man in Detroit, Mich., Peter Brooks, recently sold an 1804 silver dollar to a New York collector for \$3,600. The coin was in perfect condition. Brooks said he inherited it, together with another one of the same date, from an uncle in South Carolina.

The LaFollette campaign committee has issued a medal of the gentleman from Wisconsin as a means of raising funds. It bears a portrait of LaFollette. You can get one for a dollar. So far I have refrained from exchanging one of my good, big silver dollars for a little chunk of bronze bearing the likeness of the Wisconsin politician. I have my dollar, but consequently no medal.

While digging in war ruins near Arras a French workman has found a Roman coin of extraordinary interest to the antiquarian and student of history. It is a gold coin, one and a half inches in diameter, and in value the Roman equivalent of the English sovereign, or the American \$5 gold piece. It commemorates the relief of London from an invasion of Frankish barbarians by the Roman general Constantius in the year 296 A. D.

The coin shows the Roman general, who was the father of Constantine the Great, being received in grateful homage by the city of London, following its deliverance. The town is shown as a fortified place with a gate and wall, and is identified by name underneath. The coin carries the curious legend, "Redditor Lucis Aeternae," "Restorer of Eternal Light." This may be symbolic expression of restoration to the blessings of civilization, but by some it is thought to refer to the cult of Mithras, then popular throughout the empire, and of which the Roman general was a devotee.

A campaign to flood the country with silver dollars was launched recently by the treasury department. As a beginning, each of the 5,000 employes of the treasury received a silver dollar in his pay envelope.

The largest counterfeit United States dollar, a rug reproducing a silver certificate, with finely woven portraits of Lincoln and Grant, was brought to New York on the liner King Alexander by a Greek Merchant living in Chicago. It was seized by secret service agents. The agents explained it was illegal to reproduce currency in any manner. This dollar is six feet by four. It even carries out the color scheme of United States currency. It was the first such seizure ever made at the Custom House. Agents said the rug had been made in Greece.

All English copper coins minted from 1860 up to the date of those bearing the uncrowned head of Queen Victoria are being withdrawn, as they are too worn for further circulation. The withdrawal will take place chiefly through the banks and certain post offices, but gas companies using meters have also been asked to assist. One gas company in London some time ago held as many as 17,000,000 copper coins, collected from meters.

The right kind of advertising is not a speculation, but a gilt-edge, safe investment. West Tells It; Helps Sell It. More you tell, more you sell.

FINDS FINE STONE AX.

A polished stone ax was found by W. S. Ball of Louisville, Neb., in a sand pit near that city a few weeks ago and has been placed by him in the State Historical society museum. This implement is eight inches long and three inches wide. It has a groove nearly an inch deep where it was hafted. The ax weighs 3¾ pounds and is one of the largest and finest specimens ever found in the state. It is made of diorite and shows great skill in picking.

The sand is pumped from 80 feet deep, but as the pit draws from quite an area, this ax may have originally rested very near the surface. Another nearly as large, found in the same way, is also promised to the Historical society.

E. E. Blackman, curator of the museum, visited the old Otoe Indian site near Cedar Creek, August 27, accompanied by Mr. McDermit, assistant executive of the Lincoln Boy Scouts. The old village site has been nearly destroyed by cultivation of the ground, but there are yet some evidences of it. Here a large part of the Otoe tribe lived from about 1840 until 1865 when they moved to the reservation in what is now part of Gage county, near Barneston. Mr. Blackman discovered three miles up the Platte river from the state fisheries an ancient mound on a high bluff. This mound has chipped flint, pottery and bits of bone on the surface and has every indication of great age. This may be a grave of the ancient people who used the implements found in the sand pit.

In 1921 Don Reynolds of Lincoln found an arrowhead in the sand which was brought from Louisville. This arrowhead had acquired a high degree of polish which indicates that it had been water worn, probably for centuries.

Beryl Haile, daughter of Amos Haile, who lived at University Place in 1921, found three arrow-heads in her sand pile. All three of these are made of the same kind of flint as the Reynolds specimen and are similar in work-manship but do not have the same polish.—Lincoln Star.

£3,100 CAXTON GOES TO AMERICA.

After an exciting duel between book collectors in London, a rare Caxton, "The Chronicles of England" (1480), bound up with "A Description of Britain," also printed by Caxton, was sold to Mr. Rosenbach, of Philadelphia, for \$15,500.

Thousands of pounds were being totalled in a few minutes at the sale when a portion of the library of Ecton Hall, Northants, was dispersed. Many of the books, which have been in the possession of the family since they were purchased by James Sotheby towards the end of the 17th century, will now go overseas.

Mr. Rosenbach paid £880 for a copy of John Alcock's "Hill of Perfection," printed by Wynkyn de Worde at Westminster in 1496.

A beautiful 14th century MS., produced in Northern France, went to Mr. Muller of Amsterdam, at £3,300, and a copy of Bigge's "Summary and Discourse of Sir Francis Drake's West Indian Voyage," 1587, to Mr. Quaritch, for £1,550.

The emerald is one of the most beautiful of precious stones, and some of the finest specimens come from Peru. Among the ancient Peruvians the stone was regarded as sacred.

GREAT FINDS MADE AT INDIAN MOUND.

The exploration of the many Indian mounds near the mouth of Town Creek, near Courtland, Ala., which is going forward at a rapid rate under the expert supervision of Mr. Gerard Fowke, Bureau of Ethnology of the Smithsonian Institute, Washington, D. C., who is one of the foremost archaeologists of the day, is marked by daily discoveries of pre-Columbian relics of great interest.

Through the efforts of the Tennessee Valley Historical Society profision was made for the exploration of these mounds some weeks ago and the work is being rushed to completion since the rising waters from Wilson Dam will soon overflow them and bury them forever from the curious eyes of the world. Even now the waters are silently creeping over the rocks and will soon forever still the voice of the rusheing stream as it plunges over and around historic Muscle Shoals, and sings its song of nower heard all ever the expanse of the nation. Heard throughout countless ages, its pure, sweet voice, singing its luliaby to all nature soon will cease—a martyr to progress.

Rivaling in interest—to the American mind—the finds in the temb of Tut-ankhamen, prehistoric relics of a by-gone age and of a fading race are daily unearthed and exposed to the light of the twentieth century. Among the important finds exhibited to a curious public are copper beads and ernaments, more valuable, no doubt, to the primitive Indian mind, than the silks and precious stones of the ancient Egyptians or the golden mosaics of the Pharaohs. Spears and arrows with which relentless warfare was waged among the tribes and which sent death into the intrepid hearts of the encroaching whites, were found in abundance and even the flint quarry from which the stones were taken has been located under a bluff along the banks of the majestic Tennessee. Mortars, pestles, pottery and bone needles with drilled eyes; silent proof of the never-ending search for civilization and of th march of progress even among the savages, to whom the creation of a single new implement was more important than the aeroplanes which circle our skys. Bone beads, a testimonial of vanity engendered with Eve. Drills, scrapers, reamers and hammer stones—the handy tool of the savage. Bene ceremonials, stag horn Skewers and literally dozens of stag horn arrow chipping tools were found. It is interesting to note that copper in the free state such as was used in making the ornaments is found only in the Lake Superior region, indicating the wide travels of the original settlers of this county; that sea shells from the distant Atlantic are abundant in the mounds.

The mound itself, to the discerning mind is an object of great interest. Constructed entirely of periwinkle and mussel shells, under which are buried bones of wolf, buffalo, elk and deer indicates that it was originally formed by camp debris, proof positive of the use of this spot was a campsite for many, many years. It is approximately fifteen feet high and contains in the neighborhood of 68,000 square yards. Who knows but when Richard, "The Lion-Hearted," was hammering at the gates of Jerusalem with his host of Crusaders, raised from the sale of the highest offices of his dominion, but that the braves and squaws of all the nations of the land round about were congregated upon the shores of the Tennessee at historic Musle Shoals, there to attend the annual low-water festival, when mussels and periwinkles might be had in abundance from the rocks of the shoals? Who knows but that when Columbus embarked with his frail vessels from Genoa in the year 1492, but

what mighty chiefs of the Indian nations smoked their pipes under the hanging rocks of the limestone bluffs which are blackened by the smoke of a myriad of camp fires? Who knows but that when DeSoto made his memorial march to the "Father of waters" but that the alarm of his approach was heralded by the rocky cliffs surmounting the rushing river? Who knows but that the depleted ranks of the fearless red-skin formed their final assembly on the banks of the beloved Tennessee before retiring from Andrew Jackson's hardy pioneers? Who knows—Who knows?

Many of the splendid finds were brought to Courtland Sunday by Mr. Fowke and J. G. Sanderson of this city and placed on display in the windows of Pippen's drug store where they attract much attention. A skeleton recently found by Mr. Sanderson has been forwarded to the National Museum, and has been identified as an Indian of the pre-Columbian age, and will be preserved in the museum since Alabama is but poorly represented in relics there although rich in such. This is the second skeleton of prehistoric man found by Mr. Sanderson in a good state of preservation and presented to the museum.

Dr. Fewks, the internationally known curator of the museum has expressed a desire to visit this locality before this work is completed due to the recent finds, and expected to appear on the scene before many days have elapsed.

Mr. Sanderson, who is an enthusiastic collector and to whose efforts are due largely the present interest of the Smithsonian scientist, has one of the largest private collections in the state, consisting of about 20,000 different objects, and all from the immediate neighborhood.

AN HISTORIC QUILT .- Sent by Moore.

Back in the days when people were moving west in covered wagons, a French family from Philadelphia moved to Iowa, taking with them some treasured possessions with which they were unwilling to part. Among these were a case of books and a family Bible, which was carefully wrapped in a beautiful quilt, the design of which was the oak and acorn.

When the family reached Iowa they found that the farm they had bought without seeing was just a quagmire. One of their wagons was overturned in the river and the contents were swept down the stream.

The winter was spent with a family which had come from the Mohawk Valley some time before. The two women busied themselves making quilts. The Philadelphia woman taught her friend to make the beautiful oak-and-acorn design.

In the spring, the French family moved back east. Many years later the family that remained in Iowa was invited to visit friends who lived down the river. When the lady was taken into the best bedroom to "take off her things," she saw on the bed an oak-and-acorn quilt exactly like the one the French woman had said she lost. On one corner she found the initials "J. B. 1839," which indentified it beyond question.

She learned that the box of books had floated down-stream twenty miles and the people who found it had had no way of knowing to whom it belonged. The guest saw to it that the books and quilt went back to Philadelphia.

Long years after this, the grandson of the Iowa woman came east, where he met and courted and married the daughter in the Philadelphia family. The historic quilt was given to them as a wedding present.

JUST NOTES .-- by S. P. Hughes, Auburn, Neb.

Anent this stamp paper talk about the beautiful lady arranging her hat in the face of King George on the Canadian stamps. One has only to take a look at the face of Edward on the obsolete issue to see an up to date miss clad in the latest knickers.

The eye forms the head and hat, the white of the nose her white waist and elbow and the left side of the mustache the right leg raised in walking, while the left part of the beard forms the left leg planted for the forward step. The picture is very much more distinct than the imaginary one on the face of George, and no glass is necessary to see the full figure in the slightly stooped position of walking.

The hat however in this case takes the shape of the old fashioned tam the girls wore several years ago.

The writer recently had the pleasure of inspecting the magnificent collection of precancels owned by Rev. A. B. Whitmer of University Place, Neb. The Rev. Whitmer will be remembered by the old timers as a collector of the old school, and one who had the best of everything going in the stamp line. The general collection was sold some years since, since which time Mr. Whitmer has devoted his entire energies to gathering the most complete collection of precanceds in America. Rev. Whitmer met with an accident about three years since, and is unable to get about except an occasional outing in a wheel chair.

Collectors visiting Lincoln will be well repaid for a visit to Rev. Whitmer's home, and a sight of this wonderful collection will repay the trouble of the trip, besides a never to be forgotten visit with our old friend and collector.

Another copy of the scarce Platte Valley Bank of Nebraska City, \$2 bill recently turned up in Missouri. Someone down there was looking through some old papers belonging to the long forgotten past, when one of these much desired bills fell out. The finder knew nothing of the history of such issues, so had a friend send it to Merchants National bank asking if the bank was still in existence and if so to please have it redeemed. It was redeemed all right at face value by an officer of the receiving bank, who happened to be a grandson of the president of the original Platt Valley bank. The bill at the request of the writer was added to the display in the rooms of the Historical society. The Platte Valley bank was one of the few banks that never went broke, but redeemed its paper issues at face value. For this reason the known copies are quite scarce; however they are not worth face value as no funds are now in existence for the redemption of these old bills. The Platte Valley bank was later merged with one other Nebraska City bank and the name became only a memory.

The last issue of the Nebraska Historical society's magazine contains considerable matter of interest to collectors of the past issue of Nebraska paper money, but from the fact that the writer is not a collector, the matter was handled in a way unlike that of one who might be posted.

The articles however are full of historical facts and should be in the hands of every collector interested in the historical side of his collection, as it shed much light on the manner in which these obsolete banks came into existence. Copies may be obtained from the secretary, A. E. Sheldon, of Lincoln for an annual membership fee of \$2.

A corrspondent in the Philippines recently sent the writer a lot of cancelled stamps in trade and among the lot is a copy of Scott's type 17 printed in two colors. As the writer has never seen the stamp listed in such colors, we have been wondering if the printing was an experiment or some chemical changing put out as a joke by some student with a working knowledge of chemistry. The stamp is the regular type on white paper, with a dark brown center and the border in deep black.

Collectors and students of archaeology who happen to visit Hastings, Neb., will be well repaid to visit A. T. Hill of that place. Mr. Hill is one of natures noblemen and takes great pleasure in exhibiting his treasures to all who call. The visitor must be prepared however to receive a shock that he will long remember. Instead of the average collection Mr. Hill owns more material than will be found in the largest museums and the fact that it has all been gathered by the owner, makes it doubly interesting. Mr. Hill has spent many years traveling up and down the Republican Valley and has in that time accumulated enough material to stock several museums and historical societies

DISPLAY OF RARE COINS AND PAPER BY WORLD TRAVELER.

Rev. E. L. Jeamby will have on display in Crete a rare collection of old coins and paper money, from all parts of the world, gathered during his extensive travels. Mr. Jeamby will be present personally to explain interesting facts regarding his collection of more than 3,000 coins, which represents specimens of ancient and modern times, foreign and domestic, Revolutionary, Civil War, World War, Old Roman Empire, Ancient Egypt, Confederate States, etc. This is an interesting and educational display.

Rev. Jeamby, while young in years, is a successful evangelist, and is well known throughout the middle west. He is a globe trotter of wide experience and has studied extensively in the Holy Lands, and is was during his travels that he collected the coins and paper money.—Crete News.

A. N. A. Organ says: Numismatics as a word comes from the Latin word Numisma, which means "a coin," and numismatics is the science which treats of the art, origin and history of coins. It is clear and well known that medals, tokens and paper money are nowadays included in the study of numismatics, but they are, however, only brought into the scope of the science by the wide and liberal extension of the word.

A coin, according to my idea, is a piece of metal of certain weight and shape bearing an inscription stamped upon it by the government or authority which issued it, which guarantees its weight and metallic fineness. A coin differs from a medal in that it serves as an exchange medium, while a medal is usually a commemorative or decorative piece.

I usually summarize the beginning of coinage by telling the following or parts of it:

The first coins made were issued in Asia Minor about 700 B. C.

1804 SILVER DOLLAR IS SOLD FOR \$3,600.

Grand Rapids, Aug. 29.—An 1804 silver dollar, sold this week by Peter Brooks, tree trimmer and coin collector, to a New York collector, brought \$3,600. The coin was in perfect condition. Brooks said he inherited it, together with another of the same date, from a South Carolina uncle.—Sent by Boers.

NEBRASKA BILLS .- By S. P. Hughes, Auburn, Nebr.

It must not be understood by the reader that this is a complete check list of all Nebraska Bills, far from it; but rather a list of known and present copies in the state collection.

Our genial editor suggested a check list for the benefit of all collectors; but a short sketch of some other matters are not out of place in such an article. For that reason, the writer will occasionally digress a little into the issue and history of some better known varieties.

It must be remembered that the charters under which many of these early banks operated and issued bills of exchange and other money, were organized not only as banks; but as real estate and insurance companies as well. A perusal of the ancient charters reveals the fact that they in a number of cases were permitted to engage in any kind of business. The bank at Brownville, Neb., is a striking example of these early day business methods. The charter as recorded permitted the Nemaha Valley Bank to engage in every business known in a new country, except that of building railroads. Many of the banks were short lived, and it is a well known fact that much of the money put out by them was in circulation a long time after they had gone into the receivers hands. The conditions here in the state in the early fifties precluded the possibility of placing much money in circulation in each local community. The bills were shipped to other states where the public accepted them at the exchange value placed on them, much as bond lists are sent out today. There is a copy of such an old list in the Historical Society rooms in Lincoln. The values are listed under the different issues, and the exchange quoted, running all the way from par down to a few cents on the dollar.

The Brownville Bank and Land Co. of Omaha is perhaps the most common of all the known bills and contrary to common opinion, they had nothing whatever to do with Brownville. Several issues took place, some of the bills being reissued in different colors.

Brownville Bank and Land Co., Omaha, 3, 3, 5, 5, 5, 10, 10 dollars, and as the writer does not have at hand copies of the one and two dollars, they are known to have been issued.

The old Scott Co. lists many of these bills as Wildcat, and others of simply uncurrent bills. But it must be remembered that at the time this work was first gotten out most all of these old uncurrent bills were known under the name of Wildcat.

Omaha City Bank and Land Co., Omaha. \$1, \$2 and \$5.

All issues so far known to the writer bear date of January, 1858.

Western Fire and Marine Insurance Co., Omaha. The state collection contains only a \$5 bill but there is every reason to believe that the others were issued in denominations from \$1 to \$10.

Bank of Nebraska, Omaha. \$1, \$2.

Bank of Dakota City, Nebr., Dakota City. \$2.

Possibly other varieties exist but the value listed above is the only one known to the writer.

DeSoto, Nebraska, seemed to have been one of those early river towns where the founders expected a metropolitan population in a short time. The ancient town of DeSoto today consists of one lone building and the original townsite was planted in corn this last spring when the writer last visited this almost forgotten place.

Corn Exchange Bank of DeSoto. \$1, \$2, \$3, \$5, \$1, \$2, \$3, and \$5.

Waubeek Bank of DeSoto. \$1, \$2, \$3 and \$5.

Bank of DeSoto. \$1, \$2, \$3, \$5, \$1, \$2, \$3, \$5.

Bank of Tekamah at Tekamah, Neb. The state collection contains but a \$5 bill of this defunct bank; but other collectors claim the issue consisted of a one, two, three and five dollar, all printed in the same sheet, making an equal number of all values. The bank was evidently short lived and soon passed into a receivers hands as the old records show. The receiver appointed to wind up the assets of this early territorial bank reports the property to consist of a one room building twelve by fourteen feet and one rusty iron stove. Thus the Bank of Tekamah passed into history. The location of this ancient institution of finance is today unknown to the oldest inhabitants.

Bank of Bellevue known as the Fontenelle Bank of Bellevue. So named from the fact that Logan Fontenelle, a well known chief of the Omaha tribe was well known in Bellevue and his grave is located on the high bluff overlooking the present town.

The values in the collection consist of but two values, the three and ten dollars. As the bank however was in existence for some time it is possible the entire series were in circulation running from one to ten dollars. The old bank building was standing up to a few years since when a cyclone demolished the upper story. It was in this same old brick building where the first Masonic Lodge in the state was organized. The building was on the flat overlooking the river and just below the school buildings recently taken over by the government as a vocational training school.

Bank of Florence, Florence, Nebr. This old town is now inside the present city limits of Omaha, and historically will be remembered as the place where the mormon colony wintered on their long hike to Utah.

None of the issues are in the state collection, but the bills are very common and consist of the \$1, \$2, \$3 and \$5.

Nemaha Valley Bank, Brownville, Nebr. \$1, \$1, \$2, \$2, \$5, \$5, \$10, \$10. The bank passed out of existence in the late fifties and an uncle of the writer was appointed receiver by the court. Immense numbers of the bills are known and are by far one of the more common varieties. The old bank building stood on the south side of main street and just west of the present site of the Park hotel.

Platte Valley Bank of Nebraska City. \$1, \$2.

The above are the only values known to the writer. This, so far as is known is the only one of the early banks that redeemed its paper. One of the well known banks of Nebraska City is the outgrowth of this old time institution and all the currency ever presented was redeemed up to the time is changed into a substantial bank. This may account for the scarcity of the bills in collectors hands.

The bills passing as money that were issued in an early day by the city of Omaha and later Lincoln, have no place in this article and will be taken up in one of the future issues of this paper.

The object of this article is primarily to discover values not listed above and if possible to obtain such bills as may be lacking in the Historical Society collection. Some duplicates are available of several of the listed varieties. The writer will be glad to hear from any collectors who may have any bills not listed above, and in time it may be possible to print a complete check list of all the early Nebraska issues.

FIGURE OF SPHINX FOUND ON PENDANT DUG OUT OF INDIAN GRAVE IN TEXAS.

Tulia, Tex.—While exploring what he thought was an Indian grave, in the depth of Tulia Canyon, near here, Ephriam Stevenson of Tulia brought to light a number of metal trinkets, some of which are thought to be clearly of Egyptian origin. One of the most interesting of these relics is a pendant upon which are engraved strange symbols which are recognized as belonging to ancient Egyption civilization.

It is stated that several symbols upon this pendant are identical with those which are found upon the famous Rosetta Stone, which gave the first clew to deciphering Egyptian hieroglyphics. The Rosetta Stone is a piece of black basalt and was discovered in 1799 near the mouth of the Nile. The Egyptian trinkets which Stevenson found have been turned over by him to Col. R. P. Smyth, pioneer citizen of Plainview, Tex.

The pendant, which is one and one-fourth inches in diameter, is made of some crude metal resembling copper. It is of crude design, although all figures are very plain. When found is was dark blue and none of the figures was visible. Cleaning and polishing brought the figures to light.

One side shows the Sphinx in the foreground with pyramids and the sun in the background. At the base are some small hieroglyphics, all of which are seen on a photograph of the Rosetta Stone. On the opposite side is shown a figure which might be taken for Buddha, on each side of which are hieroglyphics. The figures of two fish are also shown.

A copper bowl hammered out of native metal, and several trinkets apparently of Indian origin, were found with the Egyptian pendant and are in possession of Stevenson. Similar articles have been found at several places in the Tulia Canyon, which evidently was a favorite winter quarters for Indians.—Sent by John Mardon, Squantum, Mass.

COLLECTION OF COOK BOOKS.

What would you do if, suddenly, out of a clear sky, you became the owner of 1,375 cook books, printed in ten languages and some of them dating back almost three hundred years?

Recently Mrs. Hugh W. Hitchcock of Detroit received exactly that many, comprising a collection gathered from all corners of the globe in the last quarter century. The books were left to Mrs. Hitchcock by the will of a cousin, Miss Clara L. Doeltz, who had collected them.

Not only do the cook books possess rare attractions for the bibliophile who finds his pleasure turning the yellowed leaves of finely bound old books, but they are extremely interesting to the laymen as curiosities. Also they throw most illuminating light on the culinary art and its development through three centuries.

The earliest volume in Mrs. Hitchcock's collection is titled "The Queen's Closet Opened," and was printed in England in 1664. It described curious and forgotten dishes and beverages which undoubtely graced the tables of Queen Elizabeth and William Shakespeare.

Not only do the volumes include probably all the books on cookery printed in America since the days of the Revolution, but also they comprise in great measure British recipes and French and German rules for kitchen operations. There are books in Greek, in Siamese and in other languages.—Detroit News.

ANTIQUE FIREARMS AND WEAPONS IN SAN DIEGO .- By G. J. Remsburg.

While sojourning in the historic old city of San Diego, Calif., recently, the writer saw a number of interesting old firearms and weapons. Probably the most important piece is the old Spanish cannon that stands on the plaza in Old Town. It bears this inscription: "El Capitan. Cast in Manila in 1783. Brought to San Diego in 1800. Captured by Commodore Robert F. Stockton in 1846. Mounted by Troop 30, Boy Scouts of America, San Diego County Council, February 1923." The cannon stands on the spot where Col. John C. Fremont first raised the United States flag in Southern California on July 29, 1846, and at the end of the Kearney trail of December 12, 1846.

In the San Diego Pioneer Society's exhibit in the museum at Balboa Park is a powder horn said to have been the property of Daniel Boone. It was donated to the society by L. E. Aubury, a mining engineer and pioneer of San Diego. In this exhibit arc several other pieces of interest to firearms and weapon collectors, to say nothing of other rare historical relics displayed there. There is a pistol that was used by S. E. Gaskill, pioneer in the Campo battle on the Mexican border, December 4, 1875, and donated by his widow; a pistol of the pioneer days of the old town of Julian, Calif., used in a killing and thrown in a well in 1873 and recovered in 1913; cannon balls from the battlefield of San Pasqual, Calif, where, in 1846, a whole troop of Gen. Kearney's soldiers was massacred by Mexicans; also several cannon balls found in Old Town, the birthplace of California; a sword and belt worn by officers of the first California state militia and many other equally interesting pieces.

I also had the pleasure of viewing the great archery collection of Joseph Jessop, which is now on exhibition in the Science of Man or Anthropology museum there. This is said to be the most complete and valuable collection of its kind in the world. It is a truly wonderful exhibit. San Diego is a paradise for collectors and I hope to tell more about its fine museums and places of historical and antiquarian interest in future letters to the West.

COIN MAN SAYS U. S. UNJUST.

"It is unjust to coin collectors for the government to issue commemorative coins worth 50 cents, sell them for \$1, until coin collectors are supplied, and then turn them on the market for 50 cents," said F. G. Duffield of the American Numismatic Association.

"This is what happens in most cases. The last commemorative coin was the one celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Monroe doctrine."

To spread the doctrine of coin collecting, the collectors passed resolutions to set aside a week in February as National Coin Week, to print and circulate a booklet about coins and to provide for placing their publication, the Numismatist, in the museums and libraries of the capitals of Europe.

OLD EDITIONS SELL HIGH.

Gulliver's Travels and Vanity Fair Put on Auction Block.

A first edition of Swift's "Gulliver's Travels," dated 1726, was sold at London auction room recently to an American for \$3,625, a new high record for the edition. A first edition of Thackeray's "Vanity Fair" brought \$1,925.

QUAINT AND CURIOUS RELICS OF ALTON J. WEBB.

In northern New York there are several collections of relics but not many can surpass the collection owned by Alton J. Webb, Ogden street. Mr. Webb has a room in his home devoted entirely to his collection.

Mr. Webb's collection is made up of war time relics not only weapons used by the white man but by Indians and Philippinos.

A large case covering nearly one side of the room is filled with rifles of all descriptions from the old time flint lock guns down to the more modern gun. One gun, which is fully six feet long, attracts attention almost at once. Early settlers traded guns with the Indians for furs. An Indian was given a gun for a pile of furs as high as the gun and consequently the longer the gun the more popular they were with the traders.

In the case are old pistols. An interesting relic of old Glens Falls is an old time pistol which was made by J. Busweil, who more than 80 years ago made rifles and pistols in South street.

Mr. Webb has a number of cannon balls used in battles at Plattsburg, at Crown point, Ticonderoga, Fort William Henry, Bloody Pond, Fort Ann, Fort Edward, Fort Schuyler and Bemis Heights. A wooden canteen used at the battle of Lexington and another canteen used in the Mexican war are interesting curios.

Another relic, which is prized highly by Mr. Webb, is a writing desk ewned and used by General Webb while stationed at Fort Edward in 1757. A foot tub used by General U. S. Grant while at Mount McGregor is an interesting feature of the collection.

Mr. Webb also has pieces of wood taken from nearly every battleship used in the French and Indian war, the Revolutionary war and the War of 1812 as well as the Civil war and the Spanish-American war.

There are pieces of wood taken from Benedict Arnold's boat which was raised at Crown Point in 1908, and also "The Old Reverde," used by Benedict Arnold, the latter being raised at Ticonderoga in 1908. There is another piece of wood from Admiral Perry's vessel which figured in the battle of Lake Erie.

Mr. Webb also has a piece of wood taken from the coffin of Lord Howe, who was killed at Ticonderoga.

There are axes which were used in building Fort William Henry in 1758 and a shovel which was used for excavating for the fort. Another old axe was usel in building the batteaux of floats on Lake George in 1758.

There is also a hatchet which was left by old time soldiers at Bloody pond.

At the top of the case containing the guns and cannon ball exhibits are two grinning skulls, one of which was unearthed at the Fort William Henry hotel and the other the skull of a Fillipino.

A tomahawk found at Lake George, a large shell used in the Spanish-American war and a Fillipino tobacco box and pipe are interesting curios.

Other relics which Mr. Webb prizes highly are bed warming pans, flax hetchels, leg shackles, handcuffs, Indian arrow heads of all descriptions, including the black colored flint ones used by the northern Indians and the white flint heads used by the Indians in the south. There are several bird points used by the Indians which form a valuable collection, as they make ideal necktie pins.

There is a hat worn by a Roosevelt rough rider as well as a hat worn by a soldier at the battle of Bull Run, old fashioned candle sticks, Paul Revere lanterns, candle moulds of all sizes, bills of sale of slaves, specimen of the petrified forests of Arizona, a bootjack used by Horace Greely when he lived in East Poultney, Vt., a copy of Jeff Davis' bail bond, pottery used by the mound builders, a copy of the Daily Citizen printed on wall paper at Vicksburg containing an account of Grant's capture of Vicksburg, a piece of wood from the old steamboat Mountaineer, the first boat to ply the waters of Lake George, minerals of all descriptions, a hand bellows more than 100 years old, paper money, coins and shin plasters of all denominations, together with paper money issued in Glens Falls by the village of Glens Falls during the Civil war, the denominations being ten cents to fifty cents, and an old time foot warmer.

Mr. Webb has also a collection of old time blue picture dishes, one showing a picture of the Hudson river, another the visit of General Lafayette to this country in 1824, another the city of London and the London bridge.

There is also an old time hand eigar maker which is more than 75 years old.

Mr. Webb also has a king bolt, on the end of which is a hammer which was taken from an old ox cart owned by John Brown at North Elba. He bas an exhibition of lace wood which he secured from Jamaica Island.

While working in Waterbury, Conn., Mr. Webb secured an unusual assortment of steel shavings from different war machines which was manufactured there.

Mr. Webb also has the original family writing desk owned by the late Henry Crandall of this city.

He has an interesting collection of historical pictures, one showing old Fort Putnam on Lake Champlain. He has a complete collection of pictures of the Philippine Islands.

On a shelf in the room are several glass dishes containing several snakes preserved in alcohol. One of the snakes is Mexican bull rattler, a milk snake and the rattle snakes familiar to those localities.

There is a piece of red cedar taken from the old General Jackson battle ground in Louisiana.

He also has a piece of pure asbestos taken from the ground in Canada.

There is a collection of keys of all descriptions, including a wooden one used by Henry Crandall in the days when he lumbered in the north woods.

The money collection is complete as well as the stamp collection. Money owned by Mr. Webb dates back to 1798 and 1799 and 1800. He also has a fine collection of continental money. He has gold quarters, gold halves and dollars miuted by Uncle Sam.

Mr. Webb has probably one of the best old time wool and linen coverlids there is in the state. It is red and white. His mother, Mrs. A. J. Hicks, at the age of 17 while residing in West Granville raised the wool and flax and had the coverlid woven.

He has books dating back to 1611.

A newspaper report of the excavation of an old Roman site at Folkstone, England, reads: "Among coins discovered is an early British one bearing the date 50 B. C." A rare discovery indeed and as remarkable as the little boy's story of the man who found a pocketbook containing a million dollars in gold.

CONFEDERATE MONEY .- By F. H. E. Webster.

I might add a few items as to where and by whom Confederate money was produced.

The author refers to "a number of designs and proposals submitted by Northern concerns." That some of these were accepted is proven by a twenty dollar Central Bank of Virginia note dated Staunton, Aug. 6. 1860, bearing the imprint of the American Bank Note Company and a Monticello Bank Note dated Charlottesville, Oct. 1, 1860, was made by the same concern. No doubt there were others.

That the battery of presses, of which No. 3 seems to be the only survivor, could not meet the demands made upon it is shown by the fact that a dollar note dated Richmond, June 2, 1862, was made by a Mr. Duncan of Columbia, S. C. The Virginia Treasury Note issued Oct. 15, 1862, by far the best example of engraving and printing I have seen in Confederate money, is a product of Keatinge & Ball, Columbia, S. C., while a State of Alabama fifty cent note dated Montgomery, Jan. 1, 1863, was engraved (and no doubt printed) by J. T. Paterson & Company of Augusta, Ga.

It might be interesting to note that the first two bills I mention were evidently in circulation in Virginia prior to the ordinance of secession adopted by that state, April 17, 1861, five days after the bombardment of Fort Sumter.

On February 4, 1861, according to the historians, a league with the title of the Confederate States of America was formed and a provisional constitution adopted with the capitol at Montgomery, Alabama. As the first and second notes mentioned in this article were issued Aug. 6, 1860, and October 1st, of the same year, a trifle over eight months before the establishment of even the provisional government, was this money legal tender in Virginia and adjacent states at that time? Perhaps some reader, can answer the question.—From Mekeel's Stamp News.

COLLECTORS GATHER FOR DISCUSSION AND EXHIBIT, CLEVELAND.

Armed guards will be on duty to protect old coins and medals valued at \$150,000, on display in cases at the annual convention of the American Numismatic association.

Their vigil will be maintained while more than 200 collectors of old coins from all parts of the country are here to discuss and exhibit their collections.

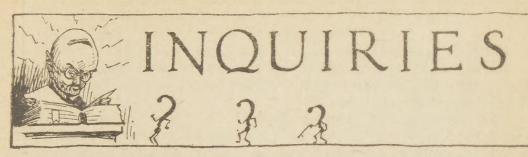
At least fifty women are to be in attendance at the meeting.

Fifteen cases hold the collections on display. The display will be thrown open to the public after today, Charles Fisher, comptroller of the Bailey Company and secretary of the Western Reserve Numismatic club, whose members are hosts to the convention, has announced.

One of the most valuable collections on display is that of M. Marcuson, president of the Western Reserve Numismatic club, who has spent half a century acquiring it.

Other rare exhibits will be a collection of fractional currency owned by F. T. Joers and a collection including a 1793 copper penny valued at \$450.

At the recent sale of the Britwell Library, Dr. A. S. W. Rosenbach, of New York and Philadelphia, paid \$9,300 for one of the five copies known of the seventh edition, 1632, of Shakespeare's "Rape of Lucrece."



It is to your benefit as well as ours as when not sent thus oftentimes your answer does not reach me in time to be answered in the next issue and is consequently held over a whole month. All questions relative to coins and paper money, curios, minerals, etc., should be sent to the editors of these departments. Owing to the large number of inquiries received it is impossible to get them all into print at once. Each must take its turn. For this reason should you desire a reply at once, we ask that you enclose a stamp and we will reply direct.

Answers to the linquist test. As follows: German, French, Danish, Spanish, Finish, Dutch, Hungarian, Italian, Portuguese, Roumanian, Swedish and Hawaiian.

- Q. Can you tell me whether I can obtain an Italian "Propaganda Fide" stamp? Q. N.
- A. These commemorative stamps for the colonies were bought up in Rome in one day. The Nanzini and Facisti sets were sold in two days. After speculators had gained entire control of the issues they resold them to the public for ten times what they paid.
 - Q. How high did stamps in Germany rise? B. N. G.
- A. The emergency stamps issued because of the constantly depreciating value of the old paper mark ran in value as high as fifty billion marks. Renten-pfennig stamps which are displacing the provisionals run from 3 pfennigs to 100 pfennigs in value.
- Q. I have a two cent United States postage stamp with a horse and rider on it and a three cent United States postage stamp with a locomotive on it. Would you please tell me when these stamps were printed and whether they are a rare series or not? C. E. J.
- A. The postoffice department says that the stamps in which you are interested were issued in the year 1869. According to one of the stamp catalogues issued by a dealer in New York City the two cent stamp containing a portrait of a horse and rider sells from 50 cents to \$2.50 and the three cent locomotive stamp from 10 cents to \$1.50.

ANSWERS TO WHAT COUNTRY WAS FIRST.

1—Great Britain, May 6, 1840. 2—There are 10 (Zurich, Brazil, Geneva, Basle, Trinidad, U. S., July 1, 1847, Mauritius, France, Belgium, Bavaria.) 3—Great Britain, May 5, 1847, (U. S., August 4, 1853). 4—Hungary, April 1, 1874. 5—U. S., end of 1857. 6—Austria, October 1, 1869, (U. S., May 12, 1873). 7—Germany, January 1, 1872, (U. S., October 27, 1892). 8—Belgium, December, 1882, (U. S., August 21, 1886). 9—Argentine Republic, May 23, 1888. 10—a Prussian, January 1, 1865; b Brunswick, July, 1865; c Wurttemberg, February, 1867. 11—India, 1861, (private English telegraph in 1852). 12—a Netherlands, 1579; England, 1694; b Netherlands, 1829; c Austria and Lombari-Venice, 1850, (U. S., October 1, 1862.) 13—California, December, 1857. 14—Many private U. S. locals, C. Hamer & Co., Hamburg. (All other Hamburg are fakes?) Some Norway and Denmark. 15—Italy, 1865, (20 centisimi on 15 centisimi, (probably the first).

CURIO NOTES.—Sent by W. B. Page, Euclid, Ohio. Rare Napoleonic Relics.

Dr. A. S. Rosenbach, Philadelphia millionaire art and antique collector, has just brought home from Europe the finest assortment of Napoleonic relics in the world. Dr. Rosenbach spent \$1,500,000 for the one time personal properties of the great Napoleon.

His most celebrated purchases included the Vignali Napoleonic collection of rare books and manuscripts from private collections in England. Vignali was Napoleon's chaplain, who administered to the dying exile at St. Helena the last rites of the church.

This collection embraces a packet containing some of Napoleon's hair; a silver cup from which Napoleon drank when he was dying; his knife, fork and spoon engraved with the imperial coat of arms and part of a famous silver dinner set.

There is an odd shaped box with a window. The box contains a tendon from the body of the emperor. This tendon is mumified and is the only fragment of Napoleon's body outside of his tomb in Paris.

"The authenticity of this remarkable relic," said Dr. Rosenbach, "has lately been confirmed by Les Revues des Mondes in a posthumous memoir by St. Denis, in which he expressly states that he and Vignali took away small pieces of Napoleon's body during the autopsy."

There is also a death mask of Napoleon in this unprecedented collection of antiques. This mask was made from a matrix molded at St. Helena by Napoleon's doctor, Antommarchi, who retained the matrix until 1883, when he made and issued a few masks, each bearing his stamp at the base. The matrix was then presented to the French government and is now in Hotel des Invalides.

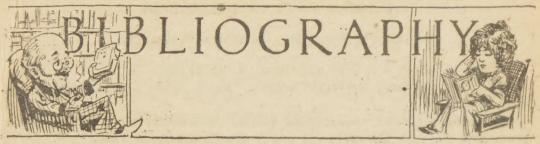
In addition to this, the Rosenbach collection contains Napoleon's breeches, a fine shirt worn by the emperor in his last illness, one of his handkerchiefs, a white waistcoat, a colored handkerchief which he wore around his neck at various times after his banishment and several odds and ends of furnishings from the Longwood chapel at St. Helena and also from Napoleon's quarters on the island.

A turquois, regarded by collectors as the largest and most perfect in the world, has recently been presented to the Field museum in Chicago by Hohannes Topakyan, Grand Vizier of Persia and former consul general to the United States. The stone, which weighs about 400 carats, was an heirloom in the family of the grand vizier. Its history crosses the lives of shahs and beys for generations.

Archealogists excavating on the site of ancient Carthage have found, among other things, a pair of spectacles of the third century B. C., and in a Punic tomb, a terra cotta figure of an organ, pots of rouge and face powder, bronze razors and milk bottles.—Dearborn Independent.

A UNIQUE CLOCK.

A clock equipped with \$2,000 worth of radium in a tiny brass tube as the motive power, and which it is believed can operate for 2,500 years without winding, was on display at the convention of the American Medical Association in Chicago recently.



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kindly send to the above.

Here you may range the world with the magic of a Book; plunge into sceres of remote ages and countries, and cheat expectation and solitude of their weary mo-

A very interesting catalogue has just been published by the "Hudson Rook Co." of New York. It embraces early Western History, pioneer naratives, explorations and Indian history.

. Marshal Foch is reported to have said that he has written 20,000 autographs for admirers since Armistice day. Marshal Joffre says he signed 5.000 photographs on his world tour.

Less than twenty complete copies are known to exist of a very interesting work on "The Mississippi Valley" by Henry Lewis, published in Dusseldorf in 1854-57,

Frank Leslie's "Pictorial Life of Abraham Lincoln" illustrated, large folio. New York, 1865, one of the rarest of Lincoln items sold for \$100.00 at a

The first complete edition in English of Boccaccio "Decameron" published in 1620, brought over \$300.00 at a London sale.

The record price ever paid for one single volume was paid last year in London for the Gutenberg Bible. The copy brought \$43,500.00.

The first edition of Milton's Paradise Lost, 1667, fine copy, lists at \$2,000.

PAPER 109 YEARS OLD.

A copy of the London Times 109 years old was being exhibited this week by Frank Lumpkin, of Smith Center, Kas. It bore the date of June 22, 1815, and was found among the effects of William Eustace, who died recently at the age of 82 years. Remarkable though it may seem, the paper is well preserved, and the type easily read. Among the articles contained in it was a lengthy account of the battle of Waterloo, in which Napoleon was beaten and turned back by the English and German forces. The intense interest of the people in the outcome of the struggle is forcibly shown by the fact that a large part of the space in the paper was devoted to details of the battle.

\$500 FOR 30c BOOK-EDITION GOLDSMITH'S "HAUNCH OF VENISON."

A first edition copy of Goldsmith's "The Haunch of Venison," which was printed for J. Ridley in St. James' street, and G. Kearsley, in Fleet street, in 1776, was sold in London for \$500. The original price was 30c.

A first edition copy of "The Sporting Repository" (1822) was bought for \$300 and Alkin's 'The National Sports of Great Britain" (1821) for \$450. The books were a portion of the library from Westport House, county Mayo, the property of the Marquis of Sligo. Yesterday's sales realized \$7,035.

YOU MAY HAVE VALUABLE COIN.

Plain Old Penny May Be Worth Thousands.

Maybe you have a cent in your home worth \$6,200!

"A pint's a pound, the world around," but it takes a rare penny to be worth \$6,200.

On exhibit at the twenty-third annual convention are a lot of coins which look just like the plain old penny grandmother gave you.

But their value-whew!

H. Chapman bought a 1757 doubloon for \$6,200. He paid \$1,150 for a 1785 George Washington copper penny.

Cherished in his collection, said to be the largest in the country, is a gold coin, about the size of your little finger, for which he paid \$1,050. It's date is 406 B. C. and it is a coin of Sicily.

What some men wouldn't do for a dollar! There were only six silver dollars issued in 1804, and Chapman paid \$3,600 for one.

A dollar's a dollar for most folks, and they aren't particular about its date.

Folks who believed in having many wives made their own money. Under a thick glass case at the convention is the largest collection of Mormon bills known.

Made at Kirtland, O., they are signed by Joe Smith, founder of the Mormon religion. Yellow, withered, as obsolete as his many wives! Western Reserve Historical Society boasts their possession.

A bracelet made of Greek coins, 2,200 years old, was put on display by Mrs. Marian Starr Gilbert, Cleveland. It was given to Lady Jane Scott by Sir Walter Scott, and had descended to her.

A medal given to a man, in the "Charge of the Light Brigade," is among Charles H. Fisher's display of medals of honor from every country in the

The first Iron Cross, a medal of bravery of the Legion of Honor, the army of lost men, England's Victoria Cross, the Black Eagle of the kaiser's body guard, and bravery medals fill the table of this Cleveland collector.

Money, grasped by a million eager hands as it traveled about the world, still has its lure, which grows with age. Food, shelter, clothing, it bought, often pleasure, sometimes bribes—but landing at last in the collector's clutches—it's loved for itself alone.

Did the ancients want to buy a hat? Here was money shaped like a hat—a sword? Here was sword money. Odd coins from all parts of the world.

Japanese bean money, which sold by weight—sheet money—oblong money—money with the emblem of a frog. This frog coin is the oldest in the collection, with an indefinite date of 700 B. C.

Money for which folks fought and died! street 000,5

A thick coin—a victory coin, struck by the Roman Emperor Vespasian to commemorate the capture of Rivdaea, lay on the table.

CENTURY OLD MUSKET GIVEN CITY OF AURORA, NEB.

A musket more than one hundred years old and a set of knee buckles such as were worn by the very early settlers in the United States have been given by Lester Caulkins of this city to the committee planning the Pioneer days celebration to be held in October.

PRESCOTT HAS CURIO COMPANY.

The Arizona Curio company is operated by people who have been in the business for nearly a quarter of a century and know the significance of the many things that the Indian tribes make. Not particularly of this state but of every Indian tribe in this country, Alaska and Canada. They have in addition to bringing a complete line from Flagstaff, acquired the curio and novelty department of Peterson, Brooke & Steiner and the Brisley Drug company.

Indian curios and novelties from thirty-three Indian tribes are represented, and each tribe carries a particular story that the owners will be glad to explain. Many rare Indian relics are carried in stock for the Indian collectors. See ad.

GOLD ARROW HEAD EXHIBITED IN ATLANTA, FOUND NEAR DAHLON EGA— DR. CRAIG ARNOLD PROUD OF INDIAN RELIC.

That the Indians who inhabited North Georgia, centering around Dahlonega, were as rich as the royalty around King Tut's time, would be believed from a relic brought to Atlanta by Dr. Craig R. Arnold, member of the House of Representatives from Lumpkin county, and owner of the hotel at Dahlonega.

Dr. Arnold has for years had something of a fad in gathering and making a study of Indian relics, but of all the finds he has ever made, nothing quite compares with the solid gold arrow head found last week in an old Indian grave a few miles from his place, and which he brought here today and exhibited to his friends.

The find has a double attraction to Mr. Arnold, who also is a mining expert, and is familiar with the history of gold mining in that part of the state.

The arrowhead is about half an inch thick and will measure about an inch in length and as much across the broadest part. It was clearly hammered out from a nugget of gold found in the North Georgia hills, and is as attractive for the workmanship and formation of the arrow head itself, as from the fact that it was made of solid gold. It is Dr. Arnold's idea that the piece was not really used on the end of an Indian arrow, but rather that it was, after being made up in its present form, probably used as a pendant by some Indian princess or warrior. It is perfectly formed as the best of the flint arrow heads found in old Indian villages.—Savannah News.

I hear that Mr. R. L. Hobson, keeper of ceramics at the British museum, is at work on a catalogue of Mr. George Eumorfopoulos' collection of Oriental pottery and china.

This collection is, without question, the finest in the world, and the catalogue, it seems, will be worthy of its subject. It will occupy six huge volumes, with 2,000 illustrations executed by a miniature-artist working on a photographic basis in front of the actual pots.

The price for the ordinary edition is 72 guineas, the edition de luxe will cost 150 guineas, and a special set with the originals of the illustrations in portfolio is advertised by Messrs. Benn, the publishers, at £3,000.

A. Gottschall, Penn., sends fine Indian relic catalogue of 42,000 specimens, about 50 pages, illustrated, well worth while, look up his ad. He used to live at Lincoln, Nebr., in 1878.

CURIOS TO KANSAS UNIVERSITY BOYS.

Half the valuable curio collection of J. G. Braecklein will be given the Kansas City, Kas., Boy Scouts and half will be given the University of Kansas. He values his collection at more than \$150,000.

The decision came after B. B. Dawson, scout executive, had asked Mr. Braecklein for a few curios to place in Boy Scout headquarters.

When informed of a building project under way at Elkhorn ranch, the architect-collector became interested. He asked if the council would receive a gift, to be used as the nucleus for a collection of Indian relics for the use of scouts in their study of Indian lore.

Mr. Braecklein has in his collection, what is said to be the finest display of Indian implements in the middle west. The collection includes arrowheads, by the bushel. There are spears used by noted chiefs, bows with battle histories, blankets, headgear, pipes, war clubs, bird and fish arrows—everything that contributed to the life and well being of the Indian.

In addition to the Indian relics, he has many valuable pieces of silver, bronze, pewter and gold. These have been gathered from all parts of the world. West has had many.

"Some of these will be thrown in if the boys want them," the collector said. Part of the collection has been lent to various institutions.—K. C. Star.

PICTURE POT-LIDS, THE NEW COLLECTING CRAZE .- by J. Curtis.

The latest craze in England is the collection of colored printed picture protlids, and it looks as if it had come to stay, for already a book has been published on the subject and a leading firm of London auctioneers have held three sales of picture pot-lids, at which single lids fetched prices ranging from \$2.50 to \$125 each. (This latter price for a very rare lid, showing "Queen Victoria on balcony," after a colored print by Baxter.) The plates from which the pictures on these lids were printed, were mostly engraved by two noted Staffordshire engravers, Jesse Austin and Felix Pratt. There are over 350 known subjects on these lids, which include many places of interest, such as Shakespeare's House, Windsor Castle, Paris Exhibition, Philadelphia Exhibition, The Great Exhibition of 1853, country scenes, sporting subjects and many interesting events, such as the funeral of the Duke of Wellington and the Prince of Wales visiting Washington's tomb. The earliest colored picture pot-lids were made about 1847 and were used on pots of "Macassa Oil" or "Bears Grease." Later (about 1875) they were used on pots of fish paste and various kinds of potted meats. There is a large demand and prices are bound to go up.

JAPANESE "INRO" COLLECTION.

The collection of "inro," lacquer medicine boxes, which has just been received by Prof. Thaig O'Conroy, of 5230 Sunset boulevard, Los Angeles, has created deep interest among art scholars, owing to the unusual perfection, age value and size of the collection. The "inro" will not form a part of the professor's local collection, but have been placed for safe keeping in the Los Angeles museum. The boxes were the treasured possessions of feudal princes and were often presented as "orders of merit" for bravery or other rare qualities and were not the individual possession of a Japanese princess. Prof. O'Conroy's young wife is the daughter of a Samurai, and is noted for her beauty.

"COIN WEEK."

No doubt you will all recall the very interesting and entertaining activities in which we all engaged last February when the first "Coin Week" was celebrated. Results were most gratifying, and at the convention of the American Numismatic association held in August, a motion was passed to celebrate "Coin Week" again in 1925.—From Guttag Bulletin.

As a start we have just completed a new Coin Collecting Booklet which is more attractive than the first number which Guttag issued during "Coin Week" this year. We shall be glad to send a copy to you upon request.

After almost one year's delay the printer has at last delivered two editions of "Civil War Tokens and Tradesmen's Cards." A copy has been mailed to all from whom we have received subscriptions.

*DE LUXE EDITION, leather bound, interleaved, autographed, limited

| to 25 copies \$5 | 25.00 |
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| CLOTH EDITION, interleaved | 7.50 |
| PAPER EDITION, not interleaved (almost all sold) | 4.50 |

*The De Luxe Edition has not yet been completed, but we shall be pleased to enter your subscription. Guttag Bros. Coin Bulletin. See cover ad.

PETS AND HOBBIES ON VIEW AT MCPHERSON, KANSAS.

Over twelve hundred children of McPherson county between the ages of 8 and 15 years participated in Pet and Hobby show. These hoys and girls had on exhibition several thousand pets and hobbies, the show attracting a crowd of several thousand visitors from over the county.

Among the hobbies were found a collection of over a hundred specimens of rocks and minerals, properly classified, the collection of the five-year-old son of Prof. H. H. Nininger of McPherson college. An eight-year-old boy had on display 136 different kinds of safety match hoxes, all of foreign make, Japanese, Swedish, Austrian and German manufacturers being represented. Another eight-year-old boy showed a collection of over four thousand different postage stamps from foreign countries. A ten-year-old girl, who had never seen the seashore, had on display a collection of over 200 different sea shells, all of which she had secured from friends who, while making trips to the coast, remembered her hobby and contributed to it. A collection of several score old coins, none less than seventy 'years old, and the oldest an English piece dating back to 1656, was owned by an eleven-year-old boy.

SECOND OLDEST TABLET IN THE WORLD.

A discovery which carries the history of Mesopotamia back many centuries is described by Mr. Leonard Woolley in this month's "Discovery."

In an account of excavations at Tel-el-Obeid by the joint expedition of the British Museum and the University Museum of Philadelphia, Mr. Woolley mentions the finding of the foundationstone of a temple, bearing the name of an early king, hitherto unknown to archaeologists.

The name of this king's father, given on a tahlet, was known, but had been regarded as mythical, as it was given as that of the founder of the first dynasty of Ur, the third since the flood.

This foundation-stone would be the oldest document in the world to which an authorship and date can be assigned (4,000 or 3,300 B. C.) but for the fact that a collection of clay tablets found near Mexico City date approximately from 5,000 B. C.—Sent by Clarke.

Don't pity the numismatist.

Maybe he does trade in new money for old, good money for bad, but— He has greater knowledge and appreciation of money than any millionaire.

The writer got his biggest surprise when he conversed with Henrie Buck, of Delaware, O., who pulled out a triangular object from his pocket and casually remarked, "Here's the oldest thing here. It's 4,000 years old."

He doesn't know exactly what it is, but it appears to be a stone medal struck in commemoration of the building of a pyramid. "Picked it up in a barber shop in Toledo thirty years ago," he said.

Julius Guttag, of New York City, had his pocket apparently lined with \$50 gold pieces.

"This one," he said, pulling out a big coin, "is made of copper. It's only worth \$500. It is a reproduction of a \$50 gold piece made in 1787 and of which only two are in existence, both being worth \$10,000 apiece."

Then there was the "cheap" coin collector who only had a 4-cent piece in his pocket.

Guttag said the largest bills in existence were the \$50,000 notes issued by the bank of Montreal. In this country it was his impression that the \$10,000 note was the largest issued.

Dr. George Hetrick of Birdsboro, Pa., is trying to interest delegates attending the convention of the American Numismatic association in his new book, "Civil War Tokens and Tradesmen's Cards."

He admits it won't rank with the best sellers.

Hetrick said fifteen Cleveland firms issued token money during the Civil war because government money, even the lowly penny, was mostly "banked" underground in caches.

These tokens were of copper and the size of a cent. On one side the tradesman would advertise his wares, on the other he generally placed a patriotic design or motto.

George Worthington & Co. advertised its business by a circular saw stamped on the token.

T. J. Quinlan, 174 Ontario St., bill poster and distributor, had "stationery, songs and Yankee notions" on his coins.

John Hawkins, advertising the Newburg house, 226 Ontario St., displayed a bust of himself and had it inscribed "The Ladies' Man," as he wished to solicit the hotel business of women patrons.

The feature of convention sessions was to be a coin auction in the afternoon by H. Chapman.

He will auction twenty-one specimens dating from the times of ancient Greese to the President Coolidge medal with a bust of the president, struck August 3, 1923.

Possibly the most valuable coin to be sold will be a shekel of the year B. C. 137. It was made in Judea during the reign of Siman Maccabeus. The inscription is "Jerushalen Kedoshah" or Jerusalem the Holy. It also contains a branch with three buds, possibly Aaron's rod.

Offered for sale also will be the first bronze struck in the reign of Vespasion to commemorate the destruction of Jerusalem. A captive and a guard are visible on the face.

A penny of 1787, designed by Benjamin Franklin and inscribed "Mind Your Own Business," also will be sold.—From Cleveland Paper.

COINS WORTH COLLECTING.

A few weeks ago a gold medal awarded for the Battle of Culloden on April 16, 1746, was sold in a London sale-room for £155. Only four or five of these medals are known, their rarity being explained by the fact that they were only awarded to regimental commanders. At another sale room £400 was paid for a gold medal awarded by George II. to Captain Collis for courageous service in blockading the port of St. Tropez, in which were five Spanish galleys. But it was not the gallantry of the action, but the rarity of the medal which determined the price. At a sale of Greek coins one example realized £640, at least a thousand times its face value. Another yielded £430, and a rare tetradrachm, an ancient silver coin, which had previously brought £55, was sold for £328. At another sale room a tin halfpenny of William and Mary, dated 1690 on the edge, brought £5 15s., while a rafe tin farthing of the same reign, issued a year later, was sold for three pounds.

West just received fine, handy, pocket size compendium of the United States coinage, 1912 to 1923. A concise account of the various denominations of coins struck at the Philadelphia mint and its two branches, for the years 1912 to 1923, both inclusive.

This list includes special statistics on the interesting and numerous issues of the Commemorative series from the Panama-Pacific coins of 1915 down to the Monroe Centennial Half Dollars of 1923.

Compiled and published by Rud Kohler, Numismatist, 70 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

ANCIENT PRAYER BOOK.

A unique French prayer book, made in the early fourteenth century, has been presented to the Pennsylvania Museum, Memorial Hall, Fairmont Park, by the daughters of the late John Story Jenks. The gift is the only one of its kind in existence associated with an American family. The book was once the private prayer book of Lady Michele de d'Orleans. It is printed in ancient French and Latin on vellum and beautifully illustrated and illuminated in blue and gold by prominent artists of the period. It is bound in brown calf with Lyonese binding with gilt edges.

HISTORIANS SEEK JOWA MOUND DWELLERS' HOMES.

Shenandoah, Ia.—Professor Charles R. Keyes, representative of the State Historical society, is here looking for evidence of residence in this part of the state of the prehistoric races believed by some historians to have lived here. There are evidences of the mound dwellers' residence here, it has been shown, and some crude tools and agricultural implements have been discovered. The historical society intends to make a preliminary survey of the entire state soon.

MISSOURIAN FOUND \$20 GOLD PIECE IN A FIVE-POUND BASS.

Golden City, Mo., Oct. 4.—George Williams of this city may fish all the remainder of his life and not make another catch like he did this week, when he caught a five pound bess with a \$20 gold piece inside it. He discovered the gold coin as he was dressing the fish for dinner. He had caught a number of other fish and examined all of them closely, but the bass was the only one that seemed to have gone in for the gold diet. Who can beat this?

A. N. A. Organ reports: Dr. George Hetrich, of Birdsboro, Pa., was much pleased in knowing that the catalogue of Civil War tokens he has compiled and is publishing with the assistance of Julius Guttag is issued. Each of them had an advance copy of the book, which they passed around for inspection. It is a large volume and illustrates practically every type of Civil War token. The catalogue is arranged by States and is the first work of its kind to be published. It should prove a valuable aid to collectors interested in Civil War tokens.

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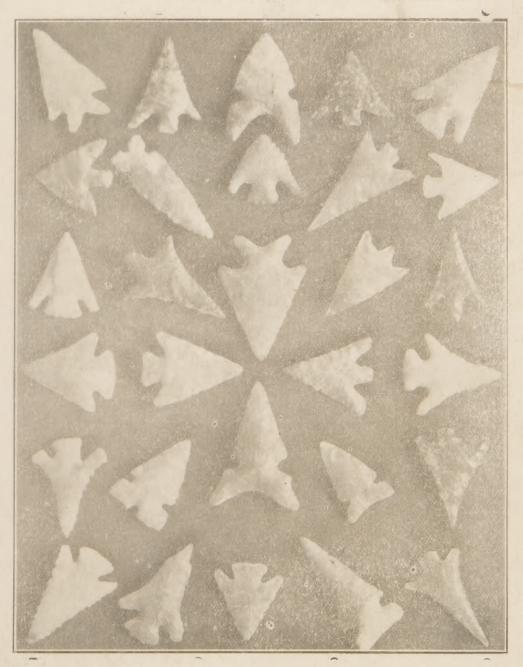
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